

Article - Education
Section 22-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
4-501.

In the construction of this subtitle, the following definitions shall conclusively determine the meaning of the terms used;

(1) A pardon is an act of clemency, evidenced by a written executive order signed by the Governor under the great seal, absolving the grantee thereof from the guilt of his criminal acts and exempting him from any pains and penalties imposed upon him therefor by law. It shall be presumed that the grantee of a pardon had been lawfully and properly convicted of crime against the State unless the order shall make known that the grantee has been conclusively shown to have been convicted in error.

(2) A partial pardon is an act of clemency, a pardon which has been limited by the terms of the order so as to be of less effect than a full pardon; and which is clearly shown on the face of the order to be a partial pardon.

(3) A conditional pardon is an act of clemency. It is a pardon, the legal operation of which is dependent upon the performance of such conditions precedent or subsequent, as the Governor may specify in the written order. The order shall likewise show whether the pardon is a partial or a full pardon.

(4) A commutation of sentence is an act of clemency, evidenced by a written executive order signed by the Governor under the great seal, ordering that the grantee shall suffer a lesser penalty for his offense than that imposed upon him by the court in which he was convicted. A commutation may be absolute or made to depend for its effectiveness upon the compliance with such conditions, precedent or subsequent, as the Governor may provide in the written order.

(5) A parole is a conditional release from imprisonment, granted by the Maryland Parole Commission to any of certain classes of prisoners in any adult penal or correctional institution of this State, in the manner provided for in this subheading. A parole shall be evidenced by an order in writing, and entitles the recipient thereof to leave the institution in