

(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] SUBTITLE. A parole shall be evidenced by an order in writing, and entitles the recipient thereof to leave the institution in which he was imprisoned, and to serve the remainder of his term outside the confines thereof if he shall satisfactorily comply with all the terms and conditions provided in the parole order. Each such paroled prisoner shall be deemed to remain in legal custody until the expiration of his full, undiminished term; and upon having violated the conditions of his parole, shall be remanded to the institution from which he was paroled.

(6) Probation is the conditional exemption from imprisonment allowed any prisoner by suspension of sentence in the circuit court for any county of this State. The condition of any order of probation shall be determined solely by the judge granting the same.

(7) "Predetermined parole release agreement" means an agreement between the Commissioner of Correction, the Maryland Parole Commission, and an inmate for the release on parole of the inmate at a predetermined time if, during the period of his confinement, he fulfills the conditions specified in the agreement.

(8) "Commission" means the Maryland Parole Commission.

(9) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Correction.

(10) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.