

~~(b) Probation may be granted whether the offense is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. If the offense is punishable by both fine and imprisonment, the court may impose a fine and place the defendant on probation as to the imprisonment. Probation may be limited to one or more counts or indictments, but, in the absence of express limitation, shall extend to the entire sentence and judgment. The court may revoke or modify any condition of probation or may reduce the period of probation.~~

~~(c) If a sentence of imprisonment is imposed, a portion of it is suspended, and the defendant is placed on probation, the court may impose as a condition of probation that the probation commence on the date the defendant is actually released from imprisonment.~~

~~(d) When the probation granted is for violation of any provision of §§ 276 through 303 of this article, if the court places the person on probation, it shall require, as a condition of the suspension of sentence, that the person participate in a drug treatment or education program approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, unless the court finds and affirmatively states on the record that the interests of the person and the people of the State do not require the imposition of this condition.~~

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(a) As used in this section, the term "crime of violence" means abduction; arson in the first degree; burglary; daytime housebreaking under § 30(b) of this article; kidnapping; manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter; mayhem and maiming under §§ 384, 385, and 386 of this article; murder; rape; robbery; robbery with a deadly weapon; earjacking or armed earjacking; sexual offense in the first degree; sexual offense in the second degree; use of a handgun in the commission of a felony or other crime of violence; an attempt to commit any of the aforesaid offenses; assault with intent to murder; assault with intent to rape; assault with intent to rob; assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the first degree; and assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the second degree.

The term "correctional institution" includes Patuxent Institution and a local or regional jail or detention center.

(b) Any person who has served three separate terms of confinement in a correctional institution as a result of three separate convictions of any crime of violence shall be sentenced, on being convicted a fourth time of a crime of violence, to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Regardless of any other law to the contrary, the provisions of this section are mandatory.

~~(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE WHERE THE TWO CONVICTIONS DO NOT ARISE FROM A SINGLE INCIDENT SHALL BE SENTENCED, ON BEING CONVICTED A THIRD TIME OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.~~

~~(2) IF A PERSON IS SENTENCED TO DEATH, THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY.~~