

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.

CHAPTER 717

(House Bill 1112)

AN ACT concerning

~~Habitual Offenders — Mandatory Sentencing — Crimes of Violence~~ Crimes of Violence —
Mandatory Sentencing — Parole

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person who is convicted a ~~third~~ second time of a "crime of violence" ~~as defined in the Annotated Code, may be is~~ subject to a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole if the person has served two separate terms of confinement as a result of two separate convictions of any crime of violence a certain number of years under certain circumstances; altering the definition of "crime of violence"; providing for the application of the definition of "crime of violence" in this Act; and generally relating to the mandatory sentencing of habitual offenders of crimes of violence making a technical correction; requiring the State to proceed against certain defendants as subsequent offenders under certain circumstances; allowing the State to proceed against certain defendants as subsequent offenders under certain circumstances; providing an exception to the prohibition against parole for inmates of a certain age under certain circumstances; requiring the Parole Commission to adopt certain regulations; providing that parole hearings be open to the public under certain circumstances; requiring the Parole Commission to make certain records available to the public and deny admission or attendance to parole hearings under certain circumstances; providing for the closing of parole hearings under certain circumstances; prohibiting persons convicted of certain violent crimes from being paroled until having served a certain portion of a sentence; requiring persons convicted of certain violent crimes to be given a certain hearing after having served a certain portion of a sentence; making certain stylistic and clarifying changes; providing an exception to the prohibition against parole for inmates of a certain age under certain circumstances; requiring the Parole Commission to adopt certain regulations; providing that parole hearings be open to the public under certain circumstances; requiring the Parole Commission to make certain records available to the public and deny admission or attendance to parole hearings under certain circumstances; providing for the closing of parole hearings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the granting of credit to an inmate for the time between release on parole and revocation of parole under certain circumstances; prohibiting persons convicted of certain violent crimes from being paroled until having served a certain portion of a sentence; requiring persons convicted of certain violent crimes to be given a certain review after having served a certain portion of a sentence; and generally relating to parole and crimes of violence.