

(C) PENALTY — PROPERTY VALUE OF \$500 OR MORE.

IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IS \$500 OR MORE, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF THE FELONY OF EXTORTION AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

(D) SAME — PROPERTY VALUE LESS THAN \$500.

IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IS LESS THAN \$500, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF THE MISDEMEANOR OF EXTORTION AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 18 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH.

(E) LIMITATION.

A PROSECUTION FOR A FELONY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 562B.

Subsection (b) of this section is revised to incorporate the substance of the definition of "extortion" contained in the third sentence of former Art. 27, § 562B. That definition was unnecessary because it was used only once in the former law.

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "by wrongful use of actual or threatened force or violence" is substituted for the former phrase "by wrongful use of actual or threatened force, or violence" for clarity. The Criminal Law Article Review Committee brings this substitution to the attention of the General Assembly.

In subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the references to the "value of the" property are added for clarity.

Also in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the references to a person "who violates this section" are added for consistency with other penalty provisions in this subtitle and throughout this article. Similarly, the phrase "is subject to" a fine or imprisonment is substituted for the former phrases "shall be sentenced to" imprisonment or "[be] fined".

Also in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the former references to a "sum of money", "real or personal" property, and a "thing of value" are deleted as included in the references to "property".

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to being subject to "imprisonment" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former reference to being "sentenced to" not more than 18 months.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a fine "or" imprisonment is substituted for the former reference to a fine "and"