

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.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "Baltimore City" is deleted as included in the defined term "county". See § 1-101 of this article.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) and in subsection (c) of this section, the references to the "value of the" property are added for clarity.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to imprisonment "not exceeding" 6 months is substituted for the former reference to imprisonment "for" 6 months, to conform to the apparent legislative intent, expressed in the former requirement that punishment "be limited to" 6 months imprisonment, to establish a maximum, and not a mandatory minimum, term of imprisonment.

In subsections (b)(1) and (c) of this section, the references to an individual "on conviction" being subject to a fine or imprisonment are added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law, and for consistency with other penalty provisions in this subtitle and throughout this article.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a person "who violates this section" is added for consistency with other penalty provisions in this subtitle and throughout this article. Similarly, in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the phrase "is subject to a fine ... or imprisonment" is substituted for the former phrase "shall be fined ... or imprisoned".

Also in the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a "sum of money", "real or personal" property, and a "thing of value" is deleted as included in the reference to "property".

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to an individual "who violates this section" being "guilty of" a misdemeanor is substituted for the former reference to "it" being a misdemeanor for clarity and 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 phrase "the punishment shall be limited to" a fine or imprisonment.

The Criminal Law Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that a person is guilty of a felony under subsection (c) of this section if the value of the property extorted is "greater than" \$500, while § 3-701(c) of this subtitle establishes a threshold of \$500 "or more" for a felony offense. The General Assembly may wish to consider making the penalty provisions for these two crimes consistent.