

Jessica’s Law – Sexual Offenses – Parole Eligibility and Mandatory Minimum Sentences

FOR the purpose of providing that persons who are convicted of certain sexual offenses are not eligible for parole during certain mandatory minimum sentences; ~~prohibiting a certain person from engaging in certain sexual contact with a child who is under a certain age; establishing a certain penalty; prohibiting a court from suspending any part of a sentence for a certain sexual offense committed against a child under a certain age; requiring the State to provide a certain notification if the State intends to seek a certain sentence under certain circumstances; creating a certain exception;~~ and generally relating to sexual offenses involving children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3-303 through ~~3-307~~ 3-306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Criminal Law

3-303.

(a) A person may not:

(1) engage in vaginal intercourse with another by force, or the threat of force, without the consent of the other; and

(2) (i) employ or display a dangerous weapon, or a physical object that the victim reasonably believes is a dangerous weapon;

(ii) suffocate, strangle, disfigure, or inflict serious physical injury on the victim or another in the course of committing the crime;

(iii) threaten, or place the victim in fear, that the victim, or an individual known to the victim, imminently will be subject to death, suffocation, strangulation, disfigurement, serious physical injury, or kidnapping;

(iv) commit the crime while aided and abetted by another; or

(v) commit the crime in connection with a burglary in the first, second, or third degree.