

CHAPTER 589

(House Bill 1090)

AN ACT concerning

Parole Eligibility – Multiple Sentences

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who has been sentenced to serve certain multiple terms of imprisonment is eligible for parole consideration after the person has served a certain portion of the sentences imposed; and generally relating to parole eligibility.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 4-516

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

4-516.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Commission of its own initiative to request the Division to make such investigation as may enable the Commission to determine the advisability of granting parole to persons sentenced to a term of 6 months or more under the laws of this State to the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction, or to any other place of confinement or detention of violators of the criminal laws of the State whenever the prisoner shall have served in confinement one fourth of the term or consecutive terms.

(b) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 1 TERM OF CONFINEMENT, INCLUDING A TERM DURING WHICH THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AND A TERM DURING WHICH THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE CONSIDERATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE PERSON HAS SERVED THE GREATER OF:

(1) ONE-FOURTH OF THE AGGREGATE TERMS SENTENCED; OR

(2) A PERIOD OF TIME EQUAL TO THE TERM DURING WHICH THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.