

HOUSE BILL 620

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Witness Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of
4 confinement of an inmate committed to the custody of the Commissioner of
5 Correction or sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a local correctional facility
6 if the inmate has been convicted of inducing false testimony or avoidance of
7 subpoena or retaliation for testimony; providing for the application of this Act;
8 and generally relating to the earning of diminution credits by inmates who have
9 been convicted of inducing false testimony or avoidance of subpoena or
10 retaliation for testimony.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Correctional Services
13 Section 3–702 and 11–502
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Correctional Services**

19 3–702.

20 (A) Subject to **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**, § 3–711 of this [subtitle]
21 **SUBTITLE**, and Title 7, Subtitle 5 of this article, an inmate committed to the custody
22 of the Commissioner is entitled to a diminution of the inmate’s term of confinement as
23 provided under this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) AN INMATE IS NOT ENTITLED TO A DIMINUTION OF THE INMATE'S**
2 **TERM OF CONFINEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE INMATE'S**
3 **TERM OF CONFINEMENT INCLUDES A CONSECUTIVE OR CONCURRENT**
4 **SENTENCE FOR:**

5 **(1) INDUCING FALSE TESTIMONY OR AVOIDANCE OF SUBPOENA**
6 **UNDER § 9-302 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR**

7 **(2) RETALIATION FOR TESTIMONY UNDER § 9-303 OF THE**
8 **CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**

9 11-502.

10 **(A) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**
11 **AN inmate who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment shall be allowed**
12 **deductions from the inmate's term of confinement as provided under this subtitle for**
13 **any period of presentence or postsentence confinement in a local correctional facility.**

14 **(B) AN INMATE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED DEDUCTIONS FROM THE**
15 **INMATE'S TERM OF CONFINEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR**
16 **ANY PERIOD OF PRESENTENCE OR POSTSENTENCE CONFINEMENT IN A LOCAL**
17 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IF THE INMATE'S TERM OF CONFINEMENT INCLUDES A**
18 **CONSECUTIVE OR CONCURRENT SENTENCE FOR:**

19 **(1) INDUCING FALSE TESTIMONY OR AVOIDANCE OF SUBPOENA**
20 **UNDER § 9-302 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR**

21 **(2) RETALIATION FOR TESTIMONY UNDER § 9-303 OF THE**
22 **CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
24 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
25 any effect on or application to any offense committed before the effective date of this
26 Act.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2008.