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§5–613.

(a) In this section, "drug kingpin" means an organizer, supervisor, financier, or manager who acts as a coconspirator in a conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, dispense, transport in, or bring into the State a controlled dangerous substance.

(b) (1) A drug kingpin who conspires to manufacture, distribute, dispense, transport in, or bring into the State a controlled dangerous substance in an amount listed in § 5-612 of this subtitle is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not less than 20 years and not exceeding 40 years without the possibility of parole or a fine not exceeding $1,000,000 or both.

(2) A court may not suspend any part of the mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years.

(3) The person is not eligible for parole during the mandatory minimum sentence.

(c) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the controlled dangerous substance was brought into or transported in the State solely for ultimate distribution or dispensing in another jurisdiction.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a conviction under this section does not merge with the conviction for any crime that is the object of the conspiracy.

(e) The provisions of § 6-220 of the Criminal Procedure Article do not apply to a conviction under this section.

(f) This section does not:

(1) prohibit a court from imposing an enhanced penalty under § 5-905 of this title; or

(2) preclude or limit a prosecution for any other crime.

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