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A BILL ENTITLED

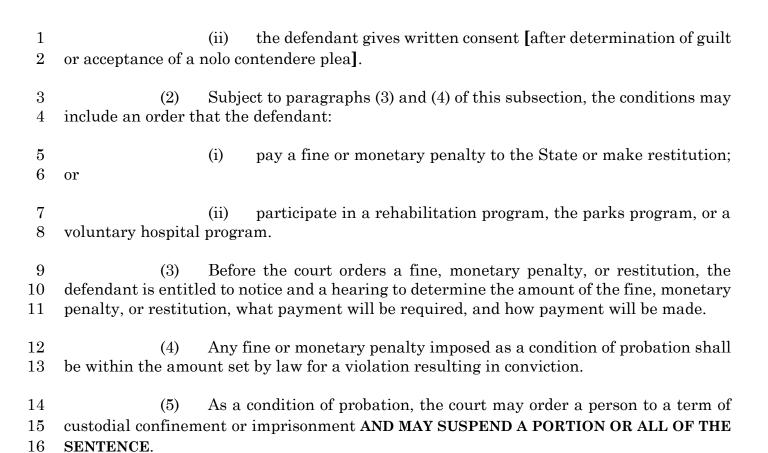
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Criminal Procedure – Probation Before Judgment – Facts Justifying a Finding of Guilt and Suspension of Sentence
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing a court to suspend a portion or all of a certain sentence as a condition of a certain probation; and generally relating to probation before judgment.
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Criminal Procedure Section 6–220(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume)
14 15	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
16	Article - Criminal Procedure
17	6-220.
18 19 20 21	(b) (1) When a defendant pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of a crime, OR A COURT FINDS FACTS JUSTIFYING A FINDING OF GUILT, a court may stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place the defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if:
22 23	(i) the court finds that the best interests of the defendant and the public welfare would be served; and



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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect