

## **Chapter 165**

**(House Bill 1023)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Criminal Procedure – Expiration Date of Sentences – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a court sentence a defendant for a period of imprisonment that will expire between certain dates under certain circumstances; repealing a provision authorizing a court to sentence a defendant to a certain period of imprisonment that is less than the minimum punishment required under certain circumstances; and generally relating to criminal procedure and sentencing.

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 6–227

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Criminal Procedure**

[6–227.

(a) In sentencing a defendant to imprisonment, a court shall sentence the defendant for a period that will expire between the first day of April and the last day of August if the court considers it expedient to do so.

(b) In sentencing a defendant to imprisonment in compliance with subsection (a) of this section, a court may sentence the defendant to imprisonment for not less than 18 months if the punishment required for the crime is at least 2 years.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.**