

Chapter 603

**(House Bill 274)**

AN ACT concerning

**Justice Reinvestment Act – Diminution Credits – Sentencing**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain changes in certain provisions of law relating to the application of diminution credits shall be construed prospectively to apply to ~~the portion of an inmate’s sentence that is originally imposed, modified, or ordered to be served for a~~ inmates who are sentenced or committed to custody on a finding of violation of probation on or after a certain date; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to diminution credits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
Section 14

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

**Chapter 515 of the Acts of 2016**

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 3–704, § 3–707, and § 3–708 of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall be construed prospectively to apply only to ~~inmates that~~ WHO are sentenced ~~THE PORTION OF AN INMATE’S SENTENCE THAT IS ORIGINALLY IMPOSED, MODIFIED, OR ORDERED TO BE SERVED FOR A~~ OR COMMITTED TO CUSTODY ON A FINDING OF VIOLATION OF PROBATION on or after October 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to:

- (1) result in a recalculated release date for an inmate that is prior to the effective date of this Act; or
- (2) create a cause of action for false imprisonment against the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a local correctional facility.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**