

SENATE BILL 531

E2
SB 196/17 – JPR

1lr1717

By: **Senators Kelley, Sydnor, Augustine, Hettleman, Carter, Waldstreicher, and Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Life Without Parole – Imposition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life imprisonment
4 without the possibility of parole on an individual who was under a certain age at the
5 time the offense was committed; and generally relating to the imposition of a
6 sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 1–402
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **1–402.**

16 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A COURT MAY NOT**
17 **IMPOSE A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF**
18 **PAROLE ON AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AT THE TIME**
19 **THAT THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2021.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

