

SENATE BILL 643

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CF HB 402

By: **Senator Hough**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Division of Parole and Probation – Definition of**
3 **Absconding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “absconding” to include leaving a certain
5 treatment facility without the permission of a certain administrator; and generally
6 relating to the Division of Parole and Probation.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Correctional Services
9 Section 6–101(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Correctional Services
14 Section 6–101(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Correctional Services**

20 6–101.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) (1) “Absconding” means willfully evading supervision.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) **“ABSCONDING” INCLUDES LEAVING A TREATMENT FACILITY**
2 **THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS PLACED IN UNDER § 8–507 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL**
3 **ARTICLE FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL TREATMENT WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE**
4 **ADMINISTRATOR, AS DEFINED IN § 8–101 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

5 (3) **“Absconding” does not include missing a single appointment with a**
6 **supervising authority.**

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