

Chapter 712

(Senate Bill 1098)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Sexual Offenses

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for rape in the first degree in a State or local correctional facility; and generally relating to diminution credits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Correctional Services

Section 3–702(a) and 11–502(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

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Section 3–702(b) and 11–502(b)

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(As enacted by Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

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

Article – Correctional Services

3–702.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, § 3–711 of this subtitle, and Title 7, Subtitle 5 of this article, an incarcerated individual committed to the custody of the Commissioner is entitled to a diminution of the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided under this subtitle.

(b) **(1) [An] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN** incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of § 3–303 or § 3–304 of the Criminal Law Article involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years, or an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of § 3–305 or § 3–306 of the Criminal Law Article, as the sections existed before October 1, 2017, involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years, is not entitled to a diminution of the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided under this subtitle.

(2) AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING A SENTENCE FOR A VIOLATION OF § 3–303 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE THAT OCCURRED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2024, IS NOT ENTITLED TO A DIMINUTION OF THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL’S TERM OF CONFINEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

11–502.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an incarcerated individual who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment shall be allowed deductions from the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided under this subtitle for any period of presentence or postsentence confinement in a local correctional facility.

(b) (1) **[An] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN** incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of § 3–303 or § 3–304 of the Criminal Law Article involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years, or an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of § 3–305 or § 3–306 of the Criminal Law Article, as the sections existed before October 1, 2017, involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years, may not be allowed deductions from the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided under this subtitle for any period of presentence or postsentence confinement in a local correctional facility.

(2) AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING A SENTENCE FOR A VIOLATION OF § 3–303 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE THAT OCCURRED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2024, MAY NOT BE ALLOWED DEDUCTIONS FROM THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL’S TERM OF CONFINEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PERIOD OF PRESENTENCE OR POSTSENTENCE CONFINEMENT IN A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

[(2)] (3) This subsection may not be construed to require an incarcerated individual to serve a longer sentence of confinement than is authorized by the statute under which the incarcerated individual was convicted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.