

## Chapter 498

**(Senate Bill 162)**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Motion to Reduce Duration of Sentence – Repeal of Sentencing Date Limitation**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain sentencing date limitation for an individual convicted as an adult of an offense committed when the individual was a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence; and generally relating to a motion to reduce duration of sentence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Criminal Procedure  
 Section 8–110(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Criminal Procedure  
 Section 8–110(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Criminal Procedure**

8–110.

(a) This section applies only to an individual who:

(1) (i) was convicted as an adult for an offense committed when the individual was a minor[;

(ii) was sentenced for the offense before October 1, 2021]; and

[(iii)] **(II)** has been imprisoned for at least 20 years for the offense;  
 or

(2) (i) was convicted of an offense committed when the individual was at least 18 years old but younger than 25 years old;

- (ii) was not sentenced to life without the possibility of parole;
- (iii) is not a sex offender, as defined in § 11–701 of this article;
- (iv) has been imprisoned for at least 20 years for the offense; and
- (v) was not convicted of murder involving a victim who was a first responder, as defined in § 18–213.2 of the Health – General Article, who was killed in the line of duty.

(b) (1) An individual described in subsection (a) of this section may file a motion with the court to reduce the duration of the sentence.

(2) A court shall conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence.

(3) (i) The individual shall be present at the hearing, unless the individual waives the right to be present.

(ii) The requirement that the individual be present at the hearing is satisfied if the hearing is conducted by video conference.

(4) (i) The individual may introduce evidence in support of the motion at the hearing.

(ii) The State may introduce evidence in support of or in opposition to the motion at the hearing.

(5) (i) Notice of the hearing under this subsection shall be given to the victim or the victim’s representative as provided in §§ 11–104 and 11–503 of this article.

(ii) A victim or victim’s representative may submit a victim impact statement to the court regarding the impact of the crime and the proposed sentence reduction.

(iii) A victim may not be cross-examined when presenting a victim impact statement under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.**