

# HOUSE BILL 876

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9                   Article – Criminal Procedure  
10                  Section 8-110(a)  
11                  Annotated Code of Maryland  
12                  (2025 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14                  Article – Criminal Procedure  
15                  Section 8-110(b)  
16                  Annotated Code of Maryland  
17                  (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

20                   **Article – Criminal Procedure**

21                  8-110.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

8 (ii) was not sentenced to life without the possibility of parole;

9 (iii) is not a sex offender, as defined in § 11–701 of this article;

10 (iv) has been imprisoned for at least 20 years for the offense; and

11 (v) was not convicted of murder involving a victim who was a first  
12 responder, as defined in § 18-213.2 of the Health – General Article, who was killed in the  
13 line of duty.

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

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

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

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

24 (ii) The State may introduce evidence in support of or in opposition  
25 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.

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

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

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