

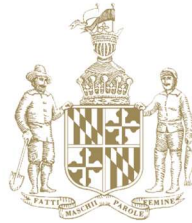
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Testimony In Support of SB 713 - Criminal Procedure - Verdict of Not Criminally Responsible - Eligibility for Evaluation for Discharge

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 713. SB 713 clarifies that an individual found not criminally responsible for first- or second-degree murder is not eligible for discharge from commitment for at least the length of the maximum sentence associated with the underlying crime. SB 713 preserves existing standards for conditional release and maintains the requirement that a committed person prove they are no longer a danger the community due to behavior health challenges.

This balanced and reasonable approach recognizes the seriousness of the underlying offense while keeping public safety at the forefront of release decisions. By aligning eligibility for discharge with the gravity of the crime, SB 713 strengthens confidence in the system and provides clarity for victims, families, and communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 713.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties