House Bill 992

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - Drug-Related Offenses - Repeal of Mandatory Minimum Sentences Parole Eligibility for Second Offenders

FOR the purpose of repealing certain mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug-related-offenses; specifying that a person convicted of certain drug-related offenses is not prohibited from participating in a certain drug treatment program; providing that a person who is serving a term of confinement that includes a mandatory minimum sentence imposed on or before a certain-date is entitled to be granted a certain hearing and a certain-sentence review; requiring that-a person who seeks to be granted a hearing-or-sentence review-submit an application on or before a certain date; altering certain penalties; repealing a prohibition against a person possessing a regulated firearm if the person was previously convicted of certain-drug-related offenses altering a certain provision concerning eligibility for parole by providing that a person convicted of a certain drug-related offense is not eligible for parole during a certain mandatory minimum sentence if the person has been convicted of a violation of a certain crime of violence arising out of the incident that resulted in the imposition of the mandatory minimum sentence; and generally relating to penalties for drug-related offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Criminal Law Section 5–602, 5–603, 5–604, 5–605, and 5–606 Annotated Code of Maryland (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–607, 5–608, 5–608 and 5–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Public Safety
Section 5-133(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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