

# HOUSE BILL 1325

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes of Violence – Parole**  
3 **(Stopping Dangerous and Violent Criminals Act of 2020)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the portion of a sentence that must be served before a certain  
5 inmate convicted of a certain violent crime committed on or after a certain date can  
6 be paroled; and generally relating to parole.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Correctional Services  
9 Section 7–301(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Correctional Services**

15 7–301.

16 (c) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph[,]:

17 1. an inmate who has been sentenced to the Division of  
18 Correction after being convicted of a violent crime committed on or after October 1, 1994,  
19 **AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020**, is not eligible for parole until the inmate has served the  
20 greater of:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [1.] A. one-half of the inmate's aggregate sentence for  
2 violent crimes; or

3 [2.] B. one-fourth of the inmate's total aggregate sentence;

4 AND

5 **2. AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO THE**  
6 **DIVISION OF CORRECTION AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME**  
7 **COMMITTED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020, IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNTIL**  
8 **THE INMATE HAS SERVED THE GREATER OF:**

9 **A. NINETY PERCENT OF THE INMATE'S AGGREGATE**  
10 **SENTENCE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES; OR**

11 **B. ONE-FOURTH OF THE INMATE'S TOTAL AGGREGATE**  
12 **SENTENCE.**

13 (ii) **1. An inmate who has been sentenced to the Division of**  
14 **Correction after being convicted of a violent crime committed on or after October 1, 1994,**  
15 **AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020, and who has been sentenced to more than one term of**  
16 **imprisonment, including a term during which the inmate is eligible for parole and a term**  
17 **during which the inmate is not eligible for parole, is not eligible for parole until the inmate**  
18 **has served the greater of:**

19 [1.] A. one-half of the inmate's aggregate sentence for  
20 violent crimes;

21 [2.] B. one-fourth of the inmate's total aggregate sentence;

22 or

23 [3.] C. a period equal to the term during which the inmate  
24 is not eligible for parole.

25 **2. AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO THE**  
26 **DIVISION OF CORRECTION AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME**  
27 **COMMITTED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO**  
28 **MORE THAN ONE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT, INCLUDING A TERM DURING WHICH THE**  
29 **INMATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AND A TERM DURING WHICH THE INMATE IS NOT**  
30 **ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNTIL THE INMATE HAS**  
31 **SERVED THE GREATER OF:**

32 **A. NINETY PERCENT OF THE INMATE'S AGGREGATE**  
33 **SENTENCE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES;**

1                                   **B. ONE-FOURTH OF THE INMATE'S TOTAL AGGREGATE**  
2 **SENTENCE; OR**

3                                   **C. A PERIOD EQUAL TO THE TERM DURING WHICH THE**  
4 **INMATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.**

5                   (2) An inmate who is serving a term of imprisonment for a violent crime  
6 committed on or after October 1, 1994, shall receive an administrative review of the  
7 inmate's progress in the correctional facility after the inmate has served the greater of:

8                           (i) one-fourth of the inmate's aggregate sentence; or

9                           (ii) if the inmate is serving a term of imprisonment that includes a  
10 mandatory term during which the inmate is not eligible for parole, a period equal to the  
11 term during which the inmate is not eligible for parole.

12                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2020.