

HOUSE BILL 736

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Crime of Violence**
3 **(No Bail for Repeat Violent Offenders Act of 2023)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a judicial officer from authorizing the pretrial release of a
5 defendant who is charged with a crime of violence if the defendant has a pending
6 charge for a certain crime or was previously convicted within a certain number of
7 years of a certain crime; and generally relating to pretrial release.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Procedure
10 Section 5–202
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 5–202.

17 (a) A District Court commissioner may not authorize pretrial release for a
18 defendant charged with escaping from a correctional facility or any other place of
19 confinement in the State.

20 (b) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of
21 a defendant charged as a drug kingpin under § 5–613 of the Criminal Law Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION, A** judge may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant charged as a drug kingpin on suitable bail and on any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community.

(3) There is a rebuttable presumption that, if released, a defendant charged as a drug kingpin will flee and pose a danger to another person or the community.

(c) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of a defendant charged with a crime of violence if the defendant has been previously convicted:

(i) in this State of a crime of violence;

(ii) in any other jurisdiction of a crime that would be a crime of violence if committed in this State; or

(iii) of an offense listed in subsection (f)(1) of this section.

(2) (i) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION, A** judge may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection on:

1. suitable bail;

2. any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community; or

3. both bail and other conditions described under item 2 of this subparagraph.

(ii) When a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is presented to the court under Maryland Rule 4–216(f), the judge shall order the continued detention of the defendant **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION** **OR** if the judge determines that neither suitable bail nor any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community before the trial.

(3) There is a rebuttable presumption that a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection will flee and pose a danger to another person or the community.

(d) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of a defendant charged with committing one of the following crimes while the defendant was released on bail or personal recognizance for a pending prior charge of committing one of the following crimes:

(i) aiding, counseling, or procuring arson in the first degree under § 6–102 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ii) arson in the second degree or attempting, aiding, counseling, or procuring arson in the second degree under § 6–103 of the Criminal Law Article;

(iii) burglary in the first degree under § 6–202 of the Criminal Law Article;

(iv) burglary in the second degree under § 6–203 of the Criminal Law Article;

(v) burglary in the third degree under § 6–204 of the Criminal Law Article;

(vi) causing abuse to a child under § 3–601 or § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article;

(vii) a crime that relates to a destructive device under § 4–503 of the Criminal Law Article;

(viii) a crime that relates to a controlled dangerous substance under §§ 5–602 through 5–609 or § 5–612 or § 5–613 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ix) manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under § 2–209 of the Criminal Law Article; and

(x) a crime of violence.

(2) A defendant under this subsection remains ineligible to give bail or be released on recognizance on the subsequent charge until all prior charges have finally been determined by the courts.

(3) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION, A** judge may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection on suitable bail and on any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community.

(4) There is a rebuttable presumption that a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection will flee and pose a danger to another person or the community if released before final determination of the prior charge.

(e) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of a defendant charged with violating:

(i) the provisions of a temporary protective order described in § 4–505(a)(2)(i) of the Family Law Article or the provisions of a protective order described in

§ 4–506(d)(1) of the Family Law Article that order the defendant to refrain from abusing or threatening to abuse a person eligible for relief; or

(ii) the provisions of an order for protection, as defined in § 4–508.1 of the Family Law Article, issued by a court of another state or of a Native American tribe that order the defendant to refrain from abusing or threatening to abuse a person eligible for relief, if the order is enforceable under § 4–508.1 of the Family Law Article.

(2) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION, A** judge may allow the pretrial release of a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection on:

(i) suitable bail;

(ii) any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community; or

(iii) both bail and other conditions described under item (ii) of this paragraph.

(3) When a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is presented to the court under Maryland Rule 4–216(f), the judge shall order the continued detention of the defendant **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION** **OR** if the judge determines that neither suitable bail nor any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community before the trial.

(f) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of a defendant charged with one of the following crimes if the defendant has previously been convicted of a crime of violence or one of the following crimes:

(i) wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun under § 4–203 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ii) use of a handgun or an antique firearm in commission of a crime under § 4–204 of the Criminal Law Article;

(iii) violating prohibitions relating to assault weapons under § 4–303 of the Criminal Law Article;

(iv) use of a machine gun in a crime of violence under § 4–404 of the Criminal Law Article;

(v) use of a machine gun for an aggressive purpose under § 4–405 of the Criminal Law Article;

(vi) use of a weapon as a separate crime under § 5–621 of the

1 Criminal Law Article;

2 (vii) possession of a regulated firearm under § 5–133 of the Public
3 Safety Article;

4 (viii) transporting a regulated firearm for unlawful sale or trafficking
5 under § 5–140 of the Public Safety Article; or

6 (ix) possession of a rifle or shotgun by a person with a mental
7 disorder under § 5–205 of the Public Safety Article.

8 (2) (i) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS**
9 **SECTION, A** judge may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant described in paragraph
10 (1) of this subsection on:

11 1. suitable bail;

12 2. any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the
13 defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community; or

14 3. both bail and other conditions described under item 2 of
15 this subparagraph.

16 (ii) When a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection
17 is presented to the court under Maryland Rule 4–216(f), the judge shall order the continued
18 detention of the defendant **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION**
19 **OR** if the judge determines that neither suitable bail nor any condition or combination of
20 conditions will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to
21 another person or the community before the trial.

22 (3) There is a rebuttable presumption that a defendant described in
23 paragraph (1) of this subsection will flee and pose a danger to another person or the
24 community.

25 (g) (1) A District Court commissioner may not authorize the pretrial release of
26 a defendant who:

27 (i) is registered, or the commissioner knows is required to register,
28 under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of this article; or

29 (ii) is a sex offender who is required to register by another
30 jurisdiction, a federal, military, or tribal court, or a foreign government.

31 (2) (i) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS**
32 **SECTION, A** judge may authorize the pretrial release of a defendant described in paragraph
33 (1) of this subsection on:

1. suitable bail;

2. any other conditions that will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community; or

3. both bail and other conditions described under item 2 of this subparagraph.

(ii) When a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is presented to the court under Maryland Rule 4–216(f), the judge shall order the continued detention of the defendant **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION** **OR** if the judge determines that neither suitable bail nor any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to another person or the community before the trial.

(3) There is a rebuttable presumption that a defendant described in paragraph (1) of this subsection will flee and pose a danger to another person or the community.

(H) A JUDICIAL OFFICER MAY NOT AUTHORIZE THE PRETRIAL RELEASE OF A DEFENDANT WHO IS CHARGED WITH A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IF THE DEFENDANT:

(1) HAS A PENDING CHARGE FOR:

(I) A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IN THE STATE; OR

(II) A CRIME IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IF COMMITTED IN THE STATE; OR

(2) WAS CONVICTED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 10 YEARS:

(I) IN THE STATE OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE; OR

(II) IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION OF A CRIME THAT WOULD BE A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IF COMMITTED IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.