

22-3705. Commutation of sentence, reduction of penalty; restrictions. (a) The governor may, when the governor deems it proper or advisable, commute a sentence in any criminal case by reducing the penalty as follows:

- (1) If the sentence is death, to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole and not to any lesser sentence;
 - (2) except as provided in subsection (b), if the sentence is to imprisonment, by reducing the duration of such imprisonment;
 - (3) if the sentence is a fine, by reducing the amount thereof; or
 - (4) if the sentence is both imprisonment and fine, by reducing either or both.
- (b) The governor shall not commute a sentence of life without possibility of parole.

History: L. 1970, ch. 129, § 22-3705; L. 2014, ch. 114, § 7; July 1.