

discretion, to hold common-type hearings by block or community where similar property and assessment characteristics are evidenced.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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CHAPTER 581

(House Bill 168C)

AN ACT concerning

Restitution for Crimes

FOR the purpose of providing that a court may enter a ~~judgment and order~~ order a criminal defendant to make restitution of certain losses sustained by a victim or certain property owned by a victim or where the victim suffered certain injuries or losses against the defendant in a criminal proceeding of the crime perpetrated by the defendant; providing for administration by the Division of Parole and Probation; and defining certain terms.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 640

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 640 be and it is hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

640.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OF THEIR USE INDICATES OTHERWISE.

(1) "COURT" MEANS THE COURT OF APPEALS, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, AND DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND, OR ANY OF THEM, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES A CONTRARY MEANING.