

BY adding to

Article - Criminal Law

Section 8-214.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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8-214.1.

(A) IN A CRIMINAL CASE OR JUVENILE PROCEEDING INVOLVING A VIOLATION OF § 8-204, § 8-205, § 8-206, § 8-207, § 8-208, § 8-209, § 8-210, OR § 8-214 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN TO BY A LAWFUL CREDIT CARDHOLDER MAY BE INTRODUCED AS SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE CREDIT CARD OR CREDIT CARD NUMBER WAS TAKEN, USED, OR POSSESSED WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CREDIT CARDHOLDER.

(B) (1) AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE A PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE STATE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE INTO EVIDENCE AN AFFIDAVIT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT THAT THE STATE INTENDS TO:

(I) RELY ON THE AFFIDAVIT; AND

(II) INTRODUCE THE AFFIDAVIT INTO EVIDENCE AT THE PROCEEDING.

(2) ON WRITTEN DEMAND OF A DEFENDANT FILED AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEEDING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF THE AFFIANT AS A PROSECUTION WITNESS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1219 - *Maryland Estate Tax*.

This bill alters the definition of "estate"; requires specified persons to file a Maryland estate tax return with the register 9 months after the death of the decedent; provides