

(2) THE COURT OR JURY MAY DETERMINE WHETHER A CHILD WHO IS DEPICTED IN OBSCENE MATTER WAS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS BY OBSERVATION OF THE OBSCENE MATTER DEPICTING THE CHILD, ORAL TESTIMONY BY A WITNESS TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE OBSCENE MATTER, EXPERT MEDICAL TESTIMONY, OR ANY OTHER METHOD AUTHORIZED BY AN APPLICABLE PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE OF EVIDENCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 495

(Senate Bill 555)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse - Child Victims - Use of
Closed Circuit Television

FOR the purpose of reducing the psychological harm to a child victim testifying in a child abuse case by allowing a judge to order the child's testimony to be taken outside the courtroom and the physical presence of the defendant by means of closed circuit television under certain circumstances and subject to certain procedural safeguards for a defendant; limiting the persons allowed to be present when a child testifies in this manner; specifying those persons allowed to question the child; requiring certain persons operating certain equipment to take certain precautions; and generally relating to the use of closed circuit television for the testimony of certain child witnesses.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-102.