

(2) -- "VICTIM" INCLUDES, IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A VICTIM, THE VICTIM'S ESTATE.

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(A) -- THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO DETER CRIME BY PROVIDING, THROUGH THE USE OF CIVIL FORFEITURE PROCEDURES, FOR THE FORFEITURE OF THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE PROPERTY USED TO COMMIT OR FACILITATE CRIME.

(B) -- THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE CHARGING OR DISPOSITION OF CHARGES THAT ARISE FROM THE COMMISSION OF AN ENUMERATED OFFENSE.

(C) -- (1) -- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE ACTIVITY PROSCRIBED BY THE STATUTES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 3-1303(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS A SUBSTANTIAL AND DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(2) -- IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM LAW TO PREVENT AND DISCOURAGE SUCH PROSCRIBED ACTIVITY WHICH RESULTS IN A SERIOUS DANGER TO THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND BY PROVIDING FOR FORFEITURE.

(3) -- THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO BE LIBERALLY INTERPRETED AND CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THAT PURPOSE.

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(A) -- ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS MAY BE COMMENCED AND DISPOSED WITHOUT ANY PREREQUISITE THAT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS MAY HAVE COMMENCED OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS IMPOSED.

(B) -- PROPERTY AND PROCEEDS MAY BE SEIZED AND ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITY PROSCRIBED BY ARTICLE 27, SECTIONS 286, 286A, 286B, 286C, 287, 287A, AND 290 OF THE CODE.

(C) -- EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE:

(1) -- ALL PROPERTY THAT IS USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENUMERATED OFFENSE OR THE FACILITATION THEREOF.

(2) -- ALL PROCEEDS THAT ARE ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENUMERATED OFFENSE.

(3) -- ALL PROPERTY THAT IS DERIVED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM PROCEEDS OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENUMERATED OFFENSE.