

Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.

CHAPTER 430

(House Bill 711)

AN ACT concerning

Evidence - Admissibility of DNA Profile

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing the identity of any party in any legal proceeding to be proved or disproved by evidence of a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile~~ providing that, in a criminal proceeding, evidence of a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile is admissible to prove or disprove the identity of a person; defining certain terms; requiring a certain notice to a criminal defendant under certain circumstances; *requiring the State to provide the defendant or the defendant's attorney with a copy of a certain report or statement; requiring the presence of certain witnesses under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date;* and generally relating to the admissibility of evidence regarding a DNA profile.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10-915
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Recent developments in molecular biology and genetics have established scientific principles with extraordinarily important applications for forensic science and thus, for both criminal and civil litigation; and

WHEREAS, It has been scientifically established that the ~~pattern unique to~~ of each individual's chemically structured genetic traits is contained in the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) of each cell; and