

circumstances; and generally relating to the sequestration of crime victims during a criminal trial.

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 620
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BY adding to

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

[620.

(a) (1) A judge need not sequester a witness who has testified and who is:

(i) The victim of a crime of violence under § 643B of this article for which the defendant is being tried; or

(ii) If the victim is deceased or disabled as a result of a crime or crimes of violence under § 643B of this article, a representative of the victim selected by the victim's next of kin or guardian.

(2) In the event of a dispute over the representative, the court may designate the representative.

(b) A judge may remove a victim or representative from the trial for cause.]

620.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "VICTIM" MEANS A PERSON WHO:

(I) HAS TESTIFIED AS A WITNESS; AND