

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

This bill provides the presumption that victims of violent crime have the right to be present at a trial.

Senate Bill 416, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 19, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 679.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 679

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments - Crime Victims -  
Presence During Trial

FOR the purpose of creating a presumption of the right of certain crime victims or their representatives to be present at a criminal trial; authorizing the sequestration of a victim or representative from certain parts of a criminal trial upon a finding of good cause; defining certain terms; allowing a victim to be removed from a trial under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the sequestration of crime victims during a criminal trial.

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 620  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 620  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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