- (H) CHILD ABUSE UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 35A OF THE CODE; OR
- (III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CRIME INVOLVING, CAUSING, OR RESULTING IN-DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY-INJURY.
- (2) "VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME" DOES NOT INCLUDE A VICTIM OF AN OFFENSE THAT IS NOT PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT UNDER THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW OR UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE ("STATE BOAT ACT").
- (B) (1) IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF A VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME, THE TERM "VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME"—INCLUDES THE VICTIM'S:
 - (I) SPOUSE OR SURVIVING SPOUSE;
 - (II) PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN;
 - (III) CHILD; OR
 - (IV) SIBLING.
- (2) IF THERE IS A DISPUTE OVER WHO SHALL BE THE VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE COURT SHALL SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VICTIM.
- (A) A VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME MAY REQUEST THAT A COURT REVIEW THE DENIAL OF ANY RIGHT PROVIDED TO THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE.
 - (B) A VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME MAY NOT:
 - (1) PARTICIPATE AS A PARTY IN A CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCEEDING:
- (2) CONTEST THE DISPOSITION OR FINDING OF ANY CHARGE OR FINAL DETERMINATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS; OR
- (3) TAKE ANY ACTION TO STOP OR OTHERWISE IMPEDE A PENDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IN A MANNER WHICH AFFECTS AN ACCUSED PERSON'S RIGHT TO A SPEEDY TRIAL.

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- (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