

FOR the purpose of providing to victims of crime a right to file an application for leave to appeal from certain interlocutory or final orders— and from the denial of certain rights; defining a certain term; and generally relating to rights of crime victims.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
 Section 620 and 643D
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 4–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 12–303A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 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

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

(ii) Is the victim of a crime of violence under § 643B of this article or a crime involving, causing, or resulting in death or serious bodily harm for which the defendant is being tried.

(3) “Representative” means a person who is:

(i) 1. Subpoenaed or has testified; and

2. Selected by the next of kin or guardian of a person who is deceased or disabled as a result of a crime of violence under § 643B of this article or a crime involving, causing, or resulting in death or serious bodily harm; or

(ii) Designated by the court in the event of a dispute over the representative.