

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied and interpreted to affect any gift certificates that were determined abandoned under the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Property Act on or after November 1, 1995. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall return to a person, any money collected on or after November 1, 1995 for gift certificates that were determined abandoned property under the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Property Act.~~

SECTION 3. 2 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 585**

**(Senate Bill 456)**

AN ACT concerning

**Crime Victims and Witnesses – Nonsubstantive Reorganization of Laws**

FOR the purpose of reorganizing and restating the laws concerning victims and witnesses of crime, including provisions relating to influencing or intimidating victims and witnesses, pretrial procedures, trial procedures, sentencing procedures, postsentencing procedures, sexual offenses, domestic violence, restitution, criminal injuries compensation, victims and witnesses – services, victims and witnesses – treatment and assistance, and certain other miscellaneous topics; updating obsolete references; establishing cross-references in certain articles of the Code in accordance with the reorganization in this Act; making certain stylistic changes; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing that there is no intent by this Act or substantively change, revive, or otherwise affect any law that is the subject of this Act or any other law in effect on or prior to the effective date of this Act; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code and the Department of Legislative Reference to propose and make certain corrections and revisions to the Code; providing that drafter's notes and catchlines contained in this Act are not law; and generally relating to laws concerning victims and witnesses of crime.

BY transferring

Article 10 – Legal Officials

Section 37 and 40A, respectively.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

to be

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 766 and 784, respectively

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