

CHAPTER 641**(House Bill 975)**

AN ACT concerning

Victims' Rights – Notification Procedures

FOR the purpose of establishing procedures for notifying certain victims of their rights during the criminal justice process; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to create and develop certain informational pamphlets notifying victims of certain rights, services, and procedures provided by law; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop a notification request form through which a victim may request to be notified under this Act; providing for the distribution of the pamphlets to certain victims at certain stages of a criminal case; altering the composition of the Board; requiring the State's Attorney to mail or otherwise deliver to the victim a notification request form within a certain period of time after the filing or unsealing of an indictment or information in circuit court or on the filing of a petition alleging delinquency in certain cases; requiring the State's Attorney to certify certain information to the clerk of the circuit court; designating the State's Attorney to receive a completed notification request form from a victim; requiring the State's Attorney to send a copy of the completed notification request form to the clerk; providing for the effect of filing a notification request form by a victim; authorizing a victim to designate a person or organization to receive notice for the victim under certain circumstances; requiring the State's Attorney, under certain circumstances, to send to the victim prior notice of certain proceedings; authorizing the State's Attorney, under certain circumstances, to request the clerk to send the notice to the victim; requiring the State's Attorney, under certain circumstances, to advise the victim of certain proceedings; authorizing the State's Attorney, under certain circumstances, to give the victim certain information; requiring the clerk, under certain circumstances, to include certain information with a commitment order; requiring the clerk, under certain circumstances, to send certain information to the Attorney General and a certain court; establishing procedures by which a victim may elect not to receive notice under this Act; authorizing a victim to file a notification request form with a department or facility to which the defendant has been committed; repealing the termination date for certain court costs; defining certain terms; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to victims' rights notification procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A – Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

Section 17

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 773