

~~VICTIM~~ ANY VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 27, § 781 OF THE CODE, IN DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION ON A PETITION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 620**

**(House Bill 303)**

AN ACT concerning

**Victims' Rights - Attendance at Proceedings - Loss of Employment Prohibited**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from depriving certain persons who are victims or victims' representatives of employment because of attendance at certain criminal or juvenile proceedings when the victims or victims' representatives have a right to attend the proceedings; and generally relating to the right of the victim or the victim's representative to be present at certain criminal or juvenile proceedings.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 778  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 9-205  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

778.

AS PROVIDED IN § 9-205 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE, A PERSON MAY NOT BE DEPRIVED OF EMPLOYMENT SOLELY BECAUSE OF JOB TIME LOST AS A RESULT OF THE PERSON'S ATTENDANCE AT A PROCEEDING THAT THE PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO ATTEND UNDER § 773 OR § 857 OF THIS ARTICLE OR UNDER § 3-812 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.