(2) ENSURE THAT THE MONEY OBTAINED FROM UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION UNDER § 11–614(B)(2) OF THIS TITLE IS USED FOR ANNUAL GRANTS TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES AND DELINQUENT ACTS TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that if the funding provided to serve Maryland crime victims through the Department of Justice's State and Federal Clinics and System Demonstration Project and the Crime Victims' Rights Enforcement Project is terminated or reduced below a total of \$500,000 per fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill each year an appropriation to the State Victims of Crime Fund of \$500,000 less any funding provided by the federal projects and any amount distributed to the Fund under the provisions of this Act.

SECTION  $\frac{2}{2}$  AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

## **CHAPTER 126**

(House Bill 1001)

AN ACT concerning

## Unclaimed Restitution - Disbursements and Use

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to distribute all unclaimed money from certain judgments to the State Victims of Crime Fund for a certain purpose; requiring the Comptroller to reduce a certain distribution by a certain amount if a victim entitled to certain restitution is located; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to ensure that the money obtained from unclaimed restitution is used for certain grants; providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that if certain funding is terminated or reduced below a certain level, the Governor shall include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill; and generally relating to disbursements and use of unclaimed restitution.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Commercial Law Section 17–101(c) Annotated Code of Maryland