

(B) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section against the county property tax imposed on real property that is leased, occupied, and used only by the Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens, Incorporated.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 14, 1991.

CHAPTER 337

(House Bill 49)

AN ACT concerning

Evidence – Battered Spouse Syndrome – Expert Testimony

FOR the purpose of allowing a court to admit evidence of certain abuse of a defendant by an individual who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, or former cohabitant of the defendant and who is a victim of a certain crime for which the defendant has been charged under certain circumstances; providing that specific types of evidence may be admitted ~~as relevant to certain defenses~~; specifying that a court may admit certain evidence notwithstanding certain other evidence; defining certain terms; and generally relating to battered spouse evidence and expert testimony.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-916

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-916.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “BATTERED SPOUSE SYNDROME” MEANS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION OF A VICTIM OF REPEATED PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE BY A SPOUSE, FORMER SPOUSE, COHABITANT, OR FORMER COHABITANT WHICH IS ALSO RECOGNIZED IN THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AS THE “BATTERED WOMAN’S SYNDROME”.

(3) “DEFENDANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH: