

a crime; requiring the Attorney General to render a certain decision within a certain period of time; creating a certain rebuttable presumption; providing procedures for the distribution of money paid to the Attorney General under this Act; providing for certain appeals; defining a term; altering the definition of "victim" to include certain beneficiaries under certain wrongful death actions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to ~~contracts for the reenactment of certain crimes~~ certain criminals profiting from certain crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 764

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

764.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) [(i)] “Defendant” means a person charged with or convicted of a crime in this State involving or causing personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of the crime, and includes a person found not criminally responsible for criminal conduct under § 12-108 of the Health – General Article.

[(ii) “Defendant” includes a person who has voluntarily and intelligently admitted to the commission of a crime for which the person is not prosecuted.]

(3) “Person” means a natural person, a firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity.

(4) “Victim”:

(i) Means a person who suffers personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of crime; and

(ii) Includes, in the event of the death of a victim, the victim’s estate OR BENEFICIARY UNDER A WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

(5) “NOTORIETY OF CRIMES CONTRACT” MEANS A CONTRACT OR OTHER AGREEMENT WITH A DEFENDANT, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OR ASSIGNEE OF A DEFENDANT, WITH RESPECT TO: