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(a) (1) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context of their use indicates otherwise.

[(1)](2) "Abandoned vehicle" has the same meaning as stated in § 25-201 of the Transportation Article.

[(2)](3) "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years.

[(3)](4) "Court" means the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, circuit court, and District Court of Maryland, or any of them, unless the context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

[(4)](5) "Crime" means an act committed by any person in the State of Maryland which would constitute a crime as defined in Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or at common law, or a violation under § 25-202 of the Transportation Article. However, an act involving the operation of a motor vehicle which results in injury does not constitute a crime for the purpose of this article unless the injuries were intentionally inflicted through the use of a vehicle.

[(5)](6) "Defendant" means any person who has been found guilty of a crime or any person whose plea of nolo contendere to a crime has been accepted by the court.

[(6)](7) "Division" means Division of Parole and Probation.

[(7)](8) "Judge" means a judge of a court.

[(8)](9) "Property" means both real and personal property.

[(9)](10) "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.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Stylistic error in Article 27, § 640(a).

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[(h)](G) (1) A hearing on a petition filed in a case in which a death sentence has been imposed shall be held within 180 days after the date that the petition is filed unless good cause for a postponement is shown.

(2) This subsection may be enforced by either party through the filing of a petition for writ of mandamus in the Court of Appeals.