

of a defendant's release under certain circumstances; requiring certain commitment agencies provide certain notices to witnesses and to notify certain witnesses of a defendant's release, escape, recapture, transfer, or death under certain circumstances; ~~establishing that this Act does not create certain causes of action providing certain immunity for elected public officials, public employees, and public agencies~~; establishing that certain victims and witnesses of delinquent acts should be notified of certain releases and escapes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the notification of witnesses of certain releases of defendants from custody.

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 789A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 770(c), 789, and 851(a)(7) and (8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 848(15) and (17), 849, and 851(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
Section 851(a)(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 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

789A:

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

(2) ~~“DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.~~