

**Senate Bill 125**

AN ACT concerning

**Victims' Rights - Juvenile Hearings and Dispositions**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain victims be notified of certain ~~juvenile proceedings~~ waiver hearings involving a child; granting ~~certain~~ victims the right to be present ~~and to address the court~~ at certain juvenile proceedings; ~~requiring~~ authorizing a victim to submit a victim impact statement to the court in certain waiver hearings involving a child; ~~authorizing~~ the court to consider certain information a victim impact statement in determining its jurisdiction in certain delinquency proceedings waiver hearings involving a child; ~~requiring the State's Attorney to notify a victim of the victim's right to submit a victim impact statement to the court under certain circumstances~~; requiring the court to consider certain statements from a victim before making a disposition on a delinquency petition; altering the court's priorities in making a disposition on a delinquency petition; defining a term; altering a definition of "victim"; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to victims' rights in certain juvenile hearings and dispositions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 594A, 770(e), and 781

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-801(t), 3-812(e), 3-817, and 3-820(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-801(a), 3-802, and 3-818

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

594A.

(a) IN THIS SECTION, "VICTIM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-801 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.