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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes of Violence - Appeals - Death of Appellant**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the termination of an appeal or habeas corpus petition
4 on the death of the defendant, appellant, or petitioner in a case resulting in the
5 conviction of a crime of violence; and generally relating to appeals in a crime of
6 violence case.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 645B
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 645B.

16 IN A CASE RESULTING IN A CONVICTION OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS
17 DEFINED IN § 643B OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY PENDING APPEAL OR HABEAS CORPUS
18 PETITION AND ANY RIGHT TO AN APPEAL OR HABEAS CORPUS PETITION SHALL BE
19 TERMINATED ON THE DEATH OF THE DEFENDANT, APPELLANT, OR PETITIONER.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 1997.