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DATE: **March 21, 2025**

BILL NUMBER: **SB 181**

POSITION: **Favorable with Amendment**

The Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (MSAA) supports Senate Bill 181 with the inclusion of a single, minor amendment – one that had been agreed to prior to the bill's passage in the Senate– that protects the rights and safety of victims of crime.

SB 181, as amended and passed by the Maryland Senate, is the product of a significant amount of discussion and compromise between stakeholders, including MSAA and the Office of the Public Defender, and legislators. As a result, the provisions of the bill have garnered support from groups that typically find themselves on opposite sides of these issues – the language of this bill is supported both by MSAA and the Office of the Public Defender.

The only change recommended by MSAA at this point is the inclusion of a requirement that, upon the request of a victim or their family, an individual released on medical or geriatric parole be ordered not have no contact with the victim or their family as a condition of their release. This provision had been brought up in discussions prior to the bill being reported favorably out of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, and is relatively minor, consistent with current practice in criminal cases in Maryland, and not opposed the stakeholders involved in this bill.