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**By: Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 1996

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Additional Court Costs - Funding for Programs to Reduce Violence**

3 **Ho. Co. 5-96**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a court in Howard County to impose on a defendant  
5 convicted of certain crimes a certain additional cost; requiring all money collected  
6 under this Act to be paid monthly to the Director of Finance of the County;  
7 requiring the proceeds from the additional cost to be used in addition to certain  
8 funds to fund programs designed to reduce violence in Howard County; and  
9 generally relating to funding for certain programs in Howard County.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

12 Section 640D

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 640D.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CRIME OF DOMESTIC OR FAMILY VIOLENCE" MEANS:

20 (1) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS IN WHICH THE VICTIM IS THE  
21 DEFENDANT'S SPOUSE OR COHABITANT:

22 (I) ASSAULT AND BATTERY;

23 (II) RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE, AS DEFINED IN §§ 462 THROUGH  
24 464C OF THIS ARTICLE, OR ATTEMPTED RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE; OR

25 (III) FALSE IMPRISONMENT;

26 (2) CHILD ABUSE, AS DEFINED IN § 35C OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

27 (3) ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AS DEFINED IN § 35D OF THIS  
28 ARTICLE.

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1 (B) IN HOWARD COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER COSTS REQUIRED BY  
2 LAW, THE COURT SHALL IMPOSE ON A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF  
3 DOMESTIC OR FAMILY VIOLENCE AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$250.

4 (C) ALL MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID MONTHLY  
5 TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTY.

6 (D) THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ADDITIONAL COST, IN ADDITION TO  
7 DESIGNATED FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY FUNDS, SHALL BE USED TO FUND  
8 PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO REDUCE VIOLENCE IN HOWARD COUNTY.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1996.