
By: **Senator Miller**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Victims' Rights - Crime - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of crime in provisions relating to certain
4 costs required to be paid by defendants, the authority of a court to enter a
5 judgment of restitution, and the State Board of Victim Services; and generally
6 relating to the definition of crime.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 7-409
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Criminal Procedure
14 Section 11-601(a), 11-603(a), 11-910(a), and 11-911
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Criminal Procedure
19 Section 11-601(d) and 11-910(c)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2001 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

25 7-409.

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

- 1 (2) (I) "Crime" means an act committed by a person in the State that is
2 A CRIME UNDER:
- 3 [(i) A crime under Title 1, Subtitle 3, Title 3, Subtitle 7, or § 4-123.1
4 of the Agriculture Article;
- 5 (ii) A crime under Title 19, Subtitle 2 or Subtitle 3 of the Business
6 Regulation Article;
- 7 (iii) A crime under Title 14, Subtitle 29, § 11-810, § 14-1316, or §
8 14-1317 of the Commercial Law Article;
- 9 (iv) A crime under § 3-218, § 3-305(c)(2), § 3-409(a) or (c), §
10 3-803(b), § 3-807(i), § 3-808(d), § 3-811(c), § 8-801, § 8-802, § 9-602(e), §
11 11-702(d)(8), § 11-703(e)(5)(iii), § 11-708(b)(8)(ii), § 11-711(h)(2), § 11-712(c)(6)(ii), §
12 11-715(g)(2), § 11-716(h)(2), § 11-723(b)(8), or § 11-726 of the Correctional Services
13 Article;
- 14 (v) A crime under the Criminal Law Article other than Title 8,
15 Subtitle 2, Part II or § 10-614;
- 16 (vi) A crime under the Criminal Procedure Article;
- 17 (vii) A crime under Title 5, Subtitle 10A of the Environment Article;
- 18 (viii) A crime under § 5-503 of the Family Law Article;
- 19 (ix) A crime under Title 20, Subtitle 7 or § 21-259.1 of the Health -
20 General Article;
- 21 (x) A crime under § 8-713.1, § 8-724.1, § 8-725.5, § 8-725.6, §
22 8-726.1, § 8-738.1, or § 8-740.1 of the Natural Resources Article;
- 23 (xi) A crime under Article 27 of the Code;
- 24 (xii) A crime under § 14-127 of the Real Property Article;
- 25 (xiii) A violation of the Transportation Article that is punishable by
26 imprisonment;
- 27 (xiv) A crime under Article 2B, Title 22 or § 18-104 of the Code;
- 28 (xv) A crime under Article 24, § 11-512, § 11-513, or § 11-514 of the
29 Code;
- 30 (xvi)] 1. [A crime under] § 109 of the Code of Public Local Laws
31 of Caroline County;
- 32 [(xvii)] 2. [A crime under] § 4-103 of the Code of Public Local
33 Laws of Carroll County;

1 [(xviii)] 3. [A crime under] § 8A-1 of the Code of Public Local
2 Laws of Talbot County; [or

3 (xix)] 4. [A crime at] common law; OR

4 5. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
5 THE ANNOTATED CODE.

6 (II) "CRIME" DOES NOT INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE
7 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE THAT IS NOT PUNISHABLE BY A TERM OF
8 IMPRISONMENT.

9 (3) "Offense" means a violation of the Transportation Article that is not
10 punishable by imprisonment.

11 (b) In addition to any other costs required by law, a circuit court shall impose
12 on a defendant convicted of a crime an additional cost of \$45 in the case.

13 (c) In addition to any other costs required by law, the District Court shall
14 impose on a defendant convicted of a crime an additional cost of \$35 in the case.

15 (d) In addition to any other costs required by law, a court shall impose on a
16 defendant convicted of an offense an additional cost of \$3 in the case, including cases
17 in which the defendant elects to waive the right to trial and pay the fine or penalty
18 deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative
19 regulation.

20 (e) (1) All money collected under this section shall be paid to the
21 Comptroller of the State.

22 (2) The Comptroller shall deposit \$22.50 from each fee collected under
23 subsection (b) of this section from a circuit court and \$12.50 from each fee collected
24 under subsection (c) of this section from the District Court into the State Victims of
25 Crime Fund established under § 11-916 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

26 (3) The Comptroller shall deposit \$2.50 from each fee collected under
27 subsections (b) and (c) of this section into the Victim and Witness Protection and
28 Relocation Fund established under § 11-905 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

29 (4) The Comptroller shall deposit all other moneys collected under
30 subsections (b) and (c) of this section into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund
31 established under § 11-819 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

32 (f) (1) From the first \$500,000 in fees collected under subsection (d) of this
33 section in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit one-half of each fee into the
34 State Victims of Crime Fund and one-half of each fee into the Criminal Injuries
35 Compensation Fund.

1 (2) For fees collected under subsection (d) of this section in excess of
 2 \$500,000 in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit the entire fee into the
 3 Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

4 (g) A political subdivision may not be held liable under any condition for the
 5 payment of sums under this section.

6 **Article - Criminal Procedure**

7 11-601.

8 (a) In Part I of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (d) (1) "Crime" means an act committed by a person in the State that is a
 10 crime under:

11 (i) common law;

12 (ii) [this article;

13 (iii) Title 1, Subtitle 3, Title 3, Subtitle 7, or § 4-123.1 of the
 14 Agriculture Article;

15 (iv) Title 19, Subtitle 2 or Subtitle 3 of the Business Regulation
 16 Article;

17 (v) Title 14, Subtitle 29, § 11-810, § 14-1316, or § 14-1317 of the
 18 Commercial Law Article;

19 (vi) § 3-218, § 3-305(c)(2), § 3-409(a) or (c), § 3-803(b), § 3-807(i), §
 20 3-808(d), § 3-811(c), § 8-801, § 8-802, § 9-602(e), § 11-702(d)(8), § 11-703(d)(5)(iii), §
 21 11-706(b)(8), § 11-708(b)(8)(ii), § 11-711(h)(2), § 11-712(c)(6)(ii), § 11-714(c)(6), §
 22 11-715(g)(2), § 11-716(h)(2), § 11-723(b)(8), or § 11-726 of the Correctional Services
 23 Article;

24 (vii) the Criminal Law Article other than Title 8, Subtitle 2, Part II
 25 or § 10-614;

26 (viii) Title 5, Subtitle 10A of the Environment Article;

27 (ix) § 5-503 of the Family Law Article;

28 (x) Title 20, Subtitle 7 or § 21-259.1 of the Health - General
 29 Article;

30 (xi) § 8-713.1, § 8-724.1, § 8-725.5, § 8-725.6, § 8-726.1, § 8-738.1,
 31 or § 8-740.1 of the Natural Resources Article;

32 (xii) § 14-127 of the Real Property Article;

33 (xiii) Article 2B, Title 22 or § 18-104 of the Code;

1 (xiv) Article 24, § 11-512, § 11-513, or § 11-514 of the Code;
 2 (xv) § 109 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County;
 3 [(xvi) (III) § 4-103 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll
 4 County; [or
 5 (xvii) (IV) § 8A-1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Talbot
 6 County; OR
 7 (V) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
 8 THE ANNOTATED CODE.

9 (2) "Crime" [includes] DOES NOT INCLUDE a violation of the
 10 Transportation Article that is NOT punishable by a term of confinement.

11 11-603.

12 (a) A court may enter a judgment of restitution that orders a defendant or
 13 child respondent to make restitution in addition to any other penalty for the
 14 commission of a crime or delinquent act, if:

15 (1) as a direct result of the crime or delinquent act, property of the victim
 16 was stolen, damaged, destroyed, converted, or unlawfully obtained, or its value
 17 substantially decreased;

18 (2) as a direct result of the crime or delinquent act, the victim suffered:

19 (i) actual medical, dental, hospital, counseling, funeral, or burial
 20 expenses;

21 (ii) any other direct out-of-pocket loss; or

22 (iii) loss of earnings;

23 (3) the victim incurred medical expenses that were paid by the
 24 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or any other governmental unit;

25 (4) a governmental unit incurred expenses in removing, towing,
 26 transporting, preserving, storing, selling, or destroying an abandoned vehicle as
 27 defined in § 25-201 of the Transportation Article;

28 (5) the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board paid benefits to a victim;
 29 or

30 (6) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or other
 31 governmental unit paid expenses incurred under Subtitle 2, Part II of this title.

32 11-910.

33 (a) In Part II of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

- 1 (c) (1) "Crime" means conduct that is a crime under:
- 2 [(1)] (I) common law;
- 3 [(2)] this article;
- 4 (3) Title 1, Subtitle 3, Title 3, Subtitle 7, or § 4-123.1 of the Agriculture
5 Article;
- 6 (4) Title 19, Subtitle 2 or Subtitle 3 of the Business Regulation Article;
- 7 (5) Title 14, Subtitle 29, § 11-810, § 14-1316, or § 14-1317 of the
8 Commercial Law Article;
- 9 (6) § 3-218, § 3-305(c)(2), § 3-409(a) or (c), § 3-803(b), § 3-807(i), §
10 3-808(d), § 3-811(c), § 8-801, § 8-802, § 9-602(e), § 11-702(d)(8), § 11-703(d)(5)(iii), §
11 11-706(b)(8), § 11-708(b)(8)(ii), § 11-711(h)(2), § 11-712(c)(6)(ii), § 11-714(c)(6), §
12 11-715(g)(2), § 11-716(h)(2), § 11-723(b)(8), or § 11-726 of the Correctional Services
13 Article;
- 14 (7) the Criminal Law Article other than Title 8, Subtitle 2, Part II or §
15 10-614;
- 16 (8) Title 5, Subtitle 10A of the Environment Article;
- 17 (9) § 5-503 of the Family Law Article;
- 18 (10) Title 20, Subtitle 7 or § 21-259.1 of the Health - General Article;
- 19 (11) § 8-713.1, § 8-724.1, § 8-725.5, § 8-725.6, § 8-726.1, § 8-738.1, or §
20 8-740.1 of the Natural Resources Article;
- 21 (12) § 14-127 of the Real Property Article;
- 22 (13) Article 2B, Title 22 or § 18-104 of the Code;
- 23 (14) Article 24, § 11-512, § 11-513, or § 11-514 of the Code;
- 24 (15)] (II) § 109 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County;
- 25 [(16)] (III) § 4-103 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County;
26 [or
- 27 (17)] (IV) § 8A-1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Talbot County;
28 OR
- 29 (V) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
30 THE ANNOTATED CODE.
- 31 (2) "CRIME" DOES NOT INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION
32 ARTICLE THAT IS NOT PUNISHABLE BY A TERM OF CONFINEMENT.

1 11-911.

2 There is a State Board of Victim Services in the Governor's Office of Crime
3 Control and Prevention created by Executive Order 01.01.1995.18.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2003.