

# SENATE BILL 187

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By: **Senators Lee, Benson, Kelley, and Manno**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Victim’s Right to Restitution – Appeal**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain victim to file an application for leave to appeal to  
4 the Court of Special Appeals from an interlocutory order or appeal to the Court of  
5 Special Appeals from a final order that denies or fails to consider the victim’s right  
6 to restitution after the filing of a certain motion requesting relief under a certain  
7 provision of law; and generally relating to victims’ rights.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Procedure  
10 Section 11–103  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 11–103.

17 (a) (1) In this section, “crime” means:

18 (i) a crime;

19 (ii) a delinquent act that would be a crime if committed by an adult;

20 or

21 (iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a crime or  
22 delinquent act involving, causing, or resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) "Crime" does not include an offense under the Maryland Vehicle Law  
2 or under Title 8, Subtitle 7 of the Natural Resources Article unless the offense is punishable  
3 by imprisonment.

4 (b) Although not a party to a criminal or juvenile proceeding, a victim of a crime  
5 for which the defendant or child respondent is charged may file an application for leave to  
6 appeal to the Court of Special Appeals from an interlocutory order or appeal to the Court  
7 of Special Appeals from a final order that denies or fails to consider a right secured to the  
8 victim by **SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF THIS SECTION**, § 4-202 of this article, § 11-102, §  
9 11-104, § 11-302, § 11-402, § 11-403, or § 11-603 of this title, § 3-8A-06, § 3-8A-13, or §  
10 3-8A-19 of the Courts Article, or § 6-112 of the Correctional Services Article.

11 (c) The filing of an application for leave to appeal under this section does not stay  
12 other proceedings in a criminal or juvenile case unless all parties consent.

13 (d) (1) For purposes of this section, a victim's representative, including the  
14 victim's spouse or surviving spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, or sibling, may  
15 represent a victim of a crime who dies or is disabled.

16 (2) If there is a dispute over who shall be the victim's representative, the  
17 court shall designate the victim's representative.

18 (e) (1) In any court proceeding involving a crime against a victim, the court  
19 shall ensure that the victim is in fact afforded the rights provided to victims by law.

20 (2) If a court finds that a victim's right was not considered or was denied,  
21 the court may grant the victim relief provided the remedy does not violate the constitutional  
22 right of a defendant or child respondent to be free from double jeopardy.

23 (3) A court may not provide a remedy that modifies a sentence of  
24 incarceration of a defendant or a commitment of a child respondent unless the victim  
25 requests relief from a violation of the victim's right within 30 days of the alleged violation.

26 (4) (i) A victim who alleges that the victim's right to restitution under  
27 § 11-603 of this title was not considered or was improperly denied may file a motion  
28 requesting relief within 30 days of the denial or alleged failure to consider.

29 (ii) If the court finds that the victim's right to restitution under §  
30 11-603 of this title was not considered or was improperly denied, the court may enter a  
31 judgment of restitution.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2016.