
Introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil

February 20, 2025

An act to amend Section 679.01 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal law.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 649, as introduced, Alvarado-Gil. Criminal law: rights of victims and witnesses of crimes.

Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature to ensure that all victims and witnesses of crimes, as defined, are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity. Existing law enumerates the rights of victims and witnesses of crimes, including, but not limited to, the right to be informed by a prosecuting attorney of the final disposition of a case.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a related provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 679.01 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 679.01. As used in this title, the following definitions shall
4 ~~control~~ *apply*:
5 (a) "Crime" means an act committed in this state which, if
6 committed by a competent adult, would constitute a misdemeanor
7 or felony.

1 (b) “Victim” means a person against whom a crime has been
2 committed.

3 (c) “Witness” means ~~any~~ *a* person who has been or is expected
4 to testify for the prosecution, or who, by reason of having relevant
5 information, is subject to call or likely to be called as a witness
6 for the prosecution, whether or not ~~any~~ *an* action or proceeding
7 has yet been commenced.