

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 20**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lieber  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Leno)**

December 2, 2002

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An act relating to victims of crime.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 20, as introduced, Lieber. Victims of crime.

This bill would state Legislative intent to protect the rights of developmentally disabled victims of crime and to provide that developmentally disabled persons who testify in court are given the same rights afforded to minor children in the same situation.

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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the  
2 rights of all victims of crime must be vigorously protected.  
3 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation  
4 guaranteeing that the rights of developmentally disabled victims  
5 of crime are vigorously protected and that developmentally  
6 disabled individuals who are called upon to testify in a court of law  
7 are given all of the rights afforded to minor children in the same  
8 situation.

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