

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 337 - *Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Posting of Bond Without Appearance of Defendant*.

This bill allows a defendant to post bond by means of electronic transmission or hand delivery of documentation without appearing before the commissioner or judge under specified circumstances if authorized by the County Administrative Judge or the Chief Judge of the District Court.

Senate Bill 685, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 337.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor