

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 777 – *Criminal Procedure – Bail Bonds – Cash Bail*.

This bill authorizes in circuit courts and in the District Court cash bail or cash bond to be posted by the defendant, by an individual, or by a specified private surety acting for the defendant under specified circumstances. The bill requires cash bail or cash bond to be posted by the defendant only, unless the order setting bail expressly provides otherwise, in cases involving a defendant's failure to pay support to specified individuals and provides for the repeal of laws inconsistent with the Act.

Senate Bill 505, 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 777.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley