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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pretrial Detention and Release - Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the release of a criminal defendant who is detained and
4 awaiting trial and for whom the court has set certain conditions of release within a
5 certain period of time after the conditions have been met; and generally relating to
6 the release of criminal defendants.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 617A
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 617A.

16 A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT WHO IS DETAINED AND AWAITING TRIAL AND FOR
17 WHOM THE COURT HAS SET BAIL, BOND, OR RELEASE ON PERSONAL
18 RECOGNIZANCE SHALL BE RELEASED NO LATER THAN 5 HOURS AFTER THE BAIL OR
19 BOND IS POSTED OR RECOGNIZANCE IS EXECUTED.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 1996.