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By: **Delegate Menes**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Release Pretrial**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of a  
4 defendant charged with a criminal offense who violates a condition of release  
5 pretrial, including a condition imposed by a pretrial release agency; authorizing  
6 a court to take certain actions against certain defendants; and generally relating  
7 to release pretrial.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
10 Section 616 1/2(n)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 616 1/2.

17 (N) (1) A COURT MAY ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF A  
18 DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE WHO VIOLATES A CONDITION OF  
19 RELEASE PRETRIAL, INCLUDING A CONDITION IMPOSED BY A PRETRIAL RELEASE  
20 AGENCY.

21 (2) AFTER A DEFENDANT IS PRESENTED BEFORE A COURT, THE COURT  
22 MAY:

23 (I) REVOKE THE DEFENDANT'S RELEASE PRETRIAL; OR

24 (II) CONTINUE THE DEFENDANT'S RELEASE PRETRIAL WITH OR  
25 WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 1999.

