

THE DISTRICT COURT OR A CIRCUIT COURT IN A CRIMINAL CASE MAY NOT WAIVE ANY COURT COSTS IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE 26A, § 17 OF THE CODE UNLESS THE DEFENDANT ESTABLISHES INDIGENCY AS PROVIDED IN THE MARYLAND RULES.

Chapter 204 of the Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 474 of the Acts of 1994

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year ~~1995~~ 1996, in every case in which a defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilt or nolo contendere, or is given probation before judgment for an offense under the Motor Vehicle Law that is punishable by imprisonment or for any other criminal offense, including cases in which the defendant is represented by the Office of Public Defender, the District Court and the circuit courts shall require the defendant to pay an additional court cost of \$5. The court cost imposed under this section shall be in addition to any other court costs imposed in the District Court and the circuit courts. For fiscal year ~~1995~~ 1996, the court may not waive any court cost including the court cost imposed under this section unless the defendant establishes indigency as provided in the Maryland Rules. The funds collected under this section shall be remitted to the Comptroller and credited to the General Fund.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes made to Article 26A, § 17 of the Code by Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995 and shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the end of September 30, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~this~~ Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

May 24, 1995

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 650.

This bill amends The Sotterley Mansion Loan of 1993 by changing its title from The Sotterley Mansion Loan of 1993 to The Sotterley Plantation Loan of 1993. The bill also extends the time that The Sotterley Mansion Foundation, Inc. has to provide evidence to the Board of Public Works that the matching fund of up to \$80,000 will be provided.

Senate Bill 457, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 9, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 650.