

Section 293

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

293.

(a) Any person convicted of any offense under this subheading is, if the offense is a second or subsequent offense, punishable by a term of imprisonment twice that otherwise authorized, by twice the fine otherwise authorized, or by both.

(b) For purposes of this section, an offense shall be considered a second or subsequent offense, if, prior to the conviction of the offense, the offender has at any time been convicted of any offense or offenses under this subheading or under any prior law of this State or any law of the United States or of any other state relating to the other controlled dangerous substances as defined in this subheading.

(c) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under any law superseded by this subheading shall be eligible for parole, probation, and suspension of sentence in the same manner as those persons convicted under this subheading.

(D) A SENTENCE ON A SINGLE COUNT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPOSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER SENTENCES CONTAINED IN THIS SUBHEADING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
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 932 - Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund Act of 2000.

This bill establishes a four-year Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund to be administered by the Board of Public Works. The stated purpose of the fund is to provide grants to rural regional planning and economic development organizations, rural community development programs and advanced technology centers that serve agricultural and natural resources based small businesses in rural areas to address the inadequacy of funds available in rural areas for economic and community development and agriculture and forestry education.