

VETOES

May 29, 1990

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 369.

This bill, as amended, prohibits the pretrial release of a defendant who has been charged as a drug kingpin.

House Bill 501, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1990, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 369.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 369

AN ACT concerning

Drug Enforcement – ~~State Grand Jury~~ – Drug Kingpin Bail Reform

FOR the purpose of limiting the circumstances under which a defendant who has been charged as a drug kingpin may be released on bail; establishing a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of the community if the defendant is charged with this offense; ~~requiring the a person charged as a drug kingpin to prove that no danger will be posed by the drug kingpin's release into the community and that the drug kingpin will appear in court;~~ authorizing a judge to release a person charged as a drug kingpin on suitable bail and on such conditions as will reasonably assure that the person will not flee, or pose a danger to the community; ~~establishing a State Grand Jury; providing for the membership, powers and duties of a State Grand Jury; setting forth certain criteria to govern the convening of a State Grand Jury; establishing the jurisdiction of the courts;~~ and generally relating to the pretrial detention of a person charged as a drug kingpin ~~and the establishment of a State Grand Jury.~~

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 616 1/2(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)