

VETOES

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 649.

This bill establishes a mandatory minimum 5-year sentence for manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing "crack." A drug kingpin who performs this act is subject to a minimum 20-year sentence, maximum 40-year sentence, and a fine of not more than \$1 million.

House Bill 665, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 2, 1990, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 649.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 649

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Dangerous Substances - ~~"Crack"~~ Cocaine Base ("Crack") - Penalties

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing the~~ *providing certain* penalties for *certain offenses involving* the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, ~~and~~ possession with intent to distribute ~~of, bringing into, or transporting~~ certain amounts of certain cocaine base known as "crack" cocaine; ~~making it a felony for a drug kingpin to conspire to commit certain acts involving certain amounts of certain cocaine base;~~ and generally relating to penalties for controlled dangerous substance offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 286(a)(1) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 286(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 287 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989)

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