

forfeited when a defendant fails to appear.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 616 1/2(d) (1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 616 1/2(d) (1) of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

616 1/2.

(d) (1) Any court exercising criminal jurisdiction shall strike out a forfeiture of bail or collateral where the defendant can show reasonable grounds for his nonappearance. However the court shall allow a surety 90 days from the date of failure to appear to produce the defendant in court before requiring THE PAYMENT OF any forfeiture of bail or collateral. THE COURT SHALL STRIKE OUT A FORFEITURE OF BAIL OR COLLATERAL DEDUCTING ONLY THE ACTUAL EXPENSE INCURRED FOR THE DEFENDANT'S ARREST, APPREHENSION, OR SURRENDER IF THE DEFENDANT IS PRODUCED IN COURT AND IF THE ARREST, APPREHENSION, OR SURRENDER OCCURS MORE THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO APPEAR [AND THE DEFENDANT IS UNABLE TO SHOW REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR HIS NONAPPEARANCE]].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 914\*

(Senate Bill 371)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - The General  
Construction Loan of 1976

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State

\* Note the eleven individual appropriations that were given an item veto. The Governor's item veto message is appended at the end of this Chapter.