

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1331.

This bill provides that where a defendant is given probation before judgment for a violation of Section 292 of Article 27 of the Code that a fine may be imposed.

Senate Bill 42, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 24, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1331.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 1331

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties

FOR the purpose of providing that the court may impose a fine on a person given probation before judgment for a violation of the controlled dangerous substances laws.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 292(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 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

292.

(b) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this subheading or under any prior