

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2006. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1217 – *Criminal Law – Credit Card Crimes – Use of Affidavit by Credit Cardholder in Criminal Case or Juvenile Proceeding*.

This bill authorizes in a criminal case or juvenile proceeding involving a violation of a credit card crime the introduction of the affidavit of a lawful credit cardholder as substantive evidence that the credit card or credit card number was taken, used, or possessed without the authorization of the credit cardholder; and requires the State to provide a specified notice to the defendant within a specified time period before a specified proceeding.

Senate Bill 468, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1217.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1217

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Credit Card Crimes – Use of Affidavit by Credit Cardholder
in Criminal Case or Juvenile Proceeding**

FOR the purpose of authorizing in a criminal case or juvenile proceeding involving a violation of certain credit card crimes the introduction of the affidavit of a lawful credit cardholder as substantive evidence that the credit card or credit card number was taken, used, or possessed without the authorization of the credit cardholder; requiring the State to provide a certain notice to the defendant within a certain time period before a proceeding in which the State intends to introduce certain evidence; requiring the State to require the presence at the proceeding of a certain affiant as a prosecution witness under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the use of affidavits in criminal cases and juvenile proceedings involving credit card crimes.