

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 579 – *Criminal Law – Robbery by Display of Written Instrument Claiming Possession of Dangerous Weapon – Penalty*.

This bill prohibits a person from committing or attempting to commit a robbery by displaying a written instrument claiming that the person has possession of a dangerous weapon and establishes a specified penalty.

House Bill 663, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 579.

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

**Senate Bill No. 579**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Robbery – ~~Premises of Fiduciary Institution~~ by Display of Written Instrument Claiming Possession of Dangerous Weapon – Penalty**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the crime of robbery or attempted robbery on the premises of certain fiduciary institutions; defining a certain term prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit a robbery by displaying a written instrument claiming that the person has possession of a dangerous weapon; establishing a certain penalties penalty for violation of this Act; and generally relating to robbery or attempted robbery on the premises of a fiduciary institution by display of a written instrument claiming possession of a dangerous weapon.~~

BY ~~adding to~~ repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section ~~3-406~~ 3-402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section ~~14-101(a)~~ 3-403

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~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

Article ~~Financial Institutions~~

Section ~~1-301(b)~~