

VETOES

This bill establishes a penalty for any employer who violates the provision of law prohibiting the firing of an employee who loses time from work because of the employee's response to a subpoena to appear in any civil or criminal proceeding.

House Bill 434, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29, 1987, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 469.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 469

AN ACT concerning

Witnesses - Loss of Employment

FOR the purpose of establishing a penalty for any employer who violates the provision of law prohibiting the firing of an employee who loses time from work because of the employee's response to a subpoena to appear in any civil or criminal proceeding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 9-205  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-205.

(A) An employer may not deprive an employee of the employee's job solely because of job time lost by the employee as a result of the employee's response to a subpoena requiring the employee to appear as a witness in any civil or criminal proceeding, including discovery proceedings.

(B) AN EMPLOYER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.