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covered by the terms of the collective bargaining agreement in effect in that jurisdiction. The result would be an inconsistent application of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and a patchwork of supplemental protections under collective bargaining agreements.

I believe that any effort to clarify the interplay between the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and collective bargaining agreements should fall on the side of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

For this reason, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 860.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 860

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights -
Collective Bargaining Agreements

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual law enforcement officer to elect certain rights under a collective bargaining agreement as an alternative to rights provided by the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; specifying that certain rights may not be diminished or abrogated by certain legislative action or by any collective bargaining agreement; specifying that certain rights may be supplemented or expanded by a collective bargaining agreement; specifying that this Act does not create collective bargaining rights unless specifically provided for by certain legislative action; and generally relating to waiver of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and to collective bargaining.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 734B and 734D
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 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 27 - Crimes and Punishments