

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

step backwards at a time when I am developing ways to strengthen our weapons for fighting the drug problem. A strong forfeiture capability which deals harshly with violators can and should be one of our mightiest weapons against drugs.

The Board of Directors of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, the Maryland Chiefs of Police, the Baltimore City State's Attorney, the Governor's Office of Public Safety, and the Governor's Office of Justice Assistance have requested a veto of this legislation.

For the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 463.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 463

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Dangerous Substances - Forfeiture and Seizure

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law concerning the forfeiture of certain conveyances; establishing certain evidentiary requirements in a forfeiture proceeding; and generally relating to the forfeiture of conveyances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 297(a)(4)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 297(f)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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