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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 502.

This bill establishes the Drug Kingpin Act, and includes provisions concerning drug trafficking of controlled dangerous substances.

Senate Bill 400, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 19, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 502.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 502

AN ACT concerning

Drug Law Enforcement - The Drug Kingpin Act

FOR the purpose of making it a felony to use, wear, carry, or transport or--possess a firearm in connection with certain drug-related crimes; providing for the forfeiture of a firearm under certain conditions; establishing certain penalties for the possession of certain amounts of certain controlled dangerous substances; permitting the amounts of certain substances to be aggregated for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; granting certain police authorities expanded powers under certain circumstances; providing--that--a--manufacturer--or--distributor--of--certain controlled--dangerous--substances--is--guilty--of--a--felony--when death--occurs--in--certain--cases;--making--it--an--offense--to--be--a leader--of--a--drug---network;---granting---certain---police authorities--expanded--powers--under--certain--circumstances prohibiting a person from occupying certain positions in a conspiracy to commit certain controlled dangerous substances offenses; requiring that certain penalties be imposed in certain cases; authorizing--certain--prosecutors--in--certain circumstances--to--file--a--written--motion--for--a--court--order compelling---a---witness---to---testify;--or--provide--other information; specifying the effect of the order; prohibiting testimony or other evidence compelled--under--the--order--or certain--information--derived--from--the--compelled--testimony--or other--information--from--being--used--against--the--witness--except