

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

preempted by federal law. Although some portions of the bill may be severable, the fundamental thrust of the legislation is thwarted by federal copyright law. Accordingly, I have decided to veto House Bill 1402.

A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1402

AN ACT concerning

Recordings - Unauthorized Copying

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the transfer of certain sounds or images from certain videocassettes, certain articles, and other media to other certain videocassettes and other media under certain circumstances; prohibiting the transfer of certain sounds or images of certain performances to certain videocassettes or other media under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain sale or distribution of certain videocassettes or other media under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions; ~~altering certain penalties for certain violations of this section; providing for certain forfeiture and destruction of certain articles and equipment;~~ providing that certain private litigation rights are unaffected; and generally relating to certain unauthorized copying.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 467A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 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

467A.