

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

345.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "NEWSPAPER" MEANS ANY PERIODICAL THAT IS DISTRIBUTED ON A COMPLIMENTARY OR COMPENSATORY BASIS.

(B) A PERSON COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF THEFT WHEN THAT PERSON WILLFULLY OR KNOWINGLY OBTAINS OR EXERTS UNAUTHORIZED CONTROL OVER ~~ONE OR MORE~~ NEWSPAPERS WITH THE INTENT TO-

(1) ~~DESTROY THE NEWSPAPERS; OR~~

(2) PREVENT OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM READING THE NEWSPAPERS.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ~~18 MONTHS~~ 60 DAYS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 184.

This emergency bill would limit the maximum employers' surtax rate to 1.7 percent beginning in calendar year 1994.

House Bill 115, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on February 8, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 184.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 184

AN ACT concerning