

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Prior to October 1, 1994, the law required that in order for a forfeiture of a bail bond to be stricken when a fugitive defendant was incarcerated in an out of state penal institution, it need only be shown that the return of the defendant to the State was assured; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Current law that became effective October 1, 1994 requires that the defendant be produced or returned to the State before the forfeiture is stricken; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The law in effect prior to October 1, 1994 both protected the State and was equitable to bail bondsmen; and~~

~~WHEREAS, It would serve the interests of justice and fairness to return the law to its previous state; now, therefore~~

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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(e) (3) Evidence of incarceration of a fugitive defendant in any penal institution within the United States is a wholly sufficient ground to strike out a forfeiture, if [the defendant upon expiration of his sentence, at no expense to the State, county, or municipality is produced or returned to the jurisdiction of the court as a result of a detainer or extradition] **RETURN OF THE DEFENDANT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT ON EXPIRATION OF THE SENTENCE AT NO EXPENSE TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY IS ASSURED.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 635**(House Bill 776)**

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments – Code Grabbing Devices – Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from ~~possessing a code grabbing device with the intent of using it in the commission of a crime~~ manufacturing, selling, using, or possessing a code grabbing device with a certain intent; establishing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the possession of code grabbing devices.

BY adding to