In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 610.

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to post on the Internet its central registry of individuals convicted of certain crimes against children, sexually violent or other sexual offenses, in accordance with regulations established by the Department.

House Bill 229, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 610.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill 610

AN ACT concerning

Sexual Offenses - Registrants - Listing on Internet

FOR the purpose of requiring authorizing the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to post on the Internet a current listing of each person who is registered with the Department as an offender, child sexual offender, sexually violent offender, or sexually violent predator; requiring that the providing that a listing include each registrant's name, offense, and other identifying information in accordance with regulations that the Department establishes; and generally relating to the listing on the Internet of persons who are registered with the Department as having committed certain sexual offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 792(a)(1), (2), (6), (7), (9), (10), and (11)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 792(d)(5)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments