

Subsection (c) of this section codifies current law in the State regarding trial of an accessory without regard to any charges or judgments concerning a principal in the crime. See e.g., *Jones v. State*, 302 Md. 153, 486 A.2d 184 (1985); *Lewis v. State*, 285 Md. 705, 404 A.2d 1073 (1979).

Subsection (d) of this section alters the common law rule that provided that an accessory before the fact may only be tried in the jurisdiction where the act of accessoryship (i.e., the aiding, counseling, commanding, or encouraging of the crime) occurred. Under this statute, an accessory before the fact may be tried in either the jurisdiction where the act of accessoryship occurred or in a jurisdiction where a principal in the crime may be tried. It is not intended to expand venue or jurisdiction concerning a principal in the crime. It is further not intended to alter any laws concerning changes in venue.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Notes contained in this Act are not law.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall only apply to cases in which the charging document is filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~3.4~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 340 – Commercial Law – Revolving Credit Plans – Access to Home Equity Credit Through Use of Credit Device.

This bill repeals the provision of law that prohibits a revolving credit plan from being secured by a lien on residential real property if the plan is accessed through the use of a credit device through which the credit grantor acquires purchase obligations incurred by honoring the credit device.

House Bill 698, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 340.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor