

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 347 – Drunk and Drugged Driving – Conditions of Probation.

This bill requires a court that suspends a sentence or stays a judgment of conviction and places a defendant on probation for alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses to require participation in treatment programs, requires the imposition of probation if a judgment of conviction is stayed for alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses, and authorizes a court to prohibit a defendant from operating a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with an alcohol ignition interlock system.

Senate Bill 427, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 347.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 347

AN ACT concerning

Drunk and Drugged Driving – Conditions of Probation

FOR the purpose of requiring a court that suspends a sentence or stays a judgment of conviction and places a defendant on probation for certain alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses to impose as a condition of probation that the defendant participate in an alcohol or drug treatment or education program approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under certain circumstances; requiring a court that stays a judgment of conviction for certain alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses to impose a period of probation under certain circumstances; authorizing a court that stays a judgment of conviction and places a defendant on probation for certain alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses to prohibit the defendant from operating a motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is equipped with an alcohol ignition interlock system; and generally relating to conditions of probation for certain alcohol- or drug-related