

(b) A person may not fraudulently convert to the person's own use a good or thing of value received under a written contract or written lease entered into for the purpose of renting or leasing things for valuable consideration.

(c) The failure to return the good or thing of value to the possession of, or account for the good or thing of value with, the person who delivered the good or thing of value at the time or in the manner described in the written contract or written lease is prima facie evidence of intent to fraudulently convert the good or thing of value.

(d) (1) A person may not be prosecuted under this section if [the person:

(i) is a bona fide resident of the State; and

(ii)] within 10 days after a written demand for the return of the good or thing of value is mailed by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the person who received the good or thing of value at the last address known to the person who delivered the good or thing of value, THE PERSON returns the good or thing of value to the possession of, or accounts for the good or thing of value with, the person who delivered the good or thing of value.

(2) A prosecution [of a bona fide resident of the State] may not be started until 10 days after a written demand described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is mailed.

(e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or a fine not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ \$500 or both.

(f) A person who violates this section shall restore the good or thing of value converted to the person's own use or pay the full value to the owner or the person who delivered the good or thing of value.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 685 - Nuisance Control - Authority to Investigate and File a Complaint - Penalties for Violations.

This bill redefines nuisance and authorizes a local health officer to perform duties related to nuisances formerly reserved to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The bill also increases the fines related to nuisances and the amount of