

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

CHAPTER 178

(Senate Bill 685)

AN ACT concerning

~~Cecil County Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Use of Technology to Facilitate Pretrial Release Process~~ Posting of Bond Without Appearance of Defendant

FOR the purpose of allowing ~~the use of video conferencing technology to facilitate the pretrial release process~~ a defendant to post bond by means of electronic transmission or hand delivery of certain documentation without appearing before the commissioner or judge under certain circumstances if authorized by the County Administrative Judge or the District Administrative Judge, requiring certain documents to be delivered to the appropriate court immediately after a certain proceeding Chief Judge of the District Court; and generally relating to the pretrial release process.

BY adding to

Article - Criminal Procedure
Section 5-214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Criminal Procedure

5-214.