

Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 337 - *Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Posting of Bond Without Appearance of Defendant*.

This bill allows a defendant to post bond by means of electronic transmission or hand delivery of documentation without appearing before the commissioner or judge under specified circumstances if authorized by the County Administrative Judge or the Chief Judge of the District Court.

Senate Bill 685, 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 337.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

House Bill 337

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)