

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.

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CHAPTER 244

(House Bill 1057)

AN ACT concerning

**Bail Bondsmen – Solicitation – Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting bail bondsmen or their agents from soliciting certain business on ~~or about~~ the property or grounds of a court house, jail, or prison, ~~or any other place where certain persons are confined~~; providing certain penalties and requiring referral to the Insurance Commissioner for a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to prohibiting bail bondsmen and their agents from soliciting business in a certain manner.

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 616 1/2A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments**

616 1/2A.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “AGENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION THAT ACTS OR HAS THE POWER TO ACT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A BAIL BONDSMAN.

(3) (I) “BAIL BONDSMAN” MEANS A LICENSED LIMITED SURETY AGENT OR A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN.

(II) “BAIL BONDSMAN” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION THAT CONTRACTS WITH A PUBLIC AGENCY TO PROVIDE BAIL BONDS TO PERSONS BEING HELD IN A JAIL OR PRISON.

(4) “SOLICIT” INCLUDES: