

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 393.

This bill would prohibit bail bondsmen or their agents from soliciting certain business on the property or grounds of a court house, jail, or prison, and provides penalties for a violation of the bill.

House Bill 1057, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 30, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 393.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 393**

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) (1) "BAIL BONDSMAN" MEANS A LICENSED LIMITED SURETY AGENT OR A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN.