

Bill 247 regarding road crew services. The General Assembly passed Senate Bill 247 mandating the provision of road crew services, but then also passed a budget which includes the following language:

“Further provided that no funds may be expended on driver licensing services provided at locations other than the Motor Vehicle Administration’s headquarters, branch or express offices.” Item 29.05.00.03, Chapter 64, Laws of Maryland, 1992.

The Attorney General has advised my office that this budget language would prohibit the MVA from funding the road crew services that Senate Bill 247 would mandate. This makes the legislative intent behind the passage of Senate Bill 247 highly confusing and seemingly not coordinated with the budget decisions. Given that the budget bill was enacted after Senate Bill 247 was passed, I must interpret the budget provision as the General Assembly’s most recent pronouncement on the funding of MVA road crew services. Therefore, I believe that I am left with no alternative to my decision regarding Senate Bill 247.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 247.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 247

AN ACT concerning

Driver’s Licensing Services in Certain Counties

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide in certain counties certain driver’s licensing services for the residents of those counties; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 16–121

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

16–121.

(A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY ONLY TO:

(1) CAROLINE COUNTY;