

4-509.

(a) A person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order under § 4-505(a)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subtitle or in a protective order under § 4-506(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject, for each offense, to:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, a fine not exceeding \$500 ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding ~~90 days~~ 2 YEARS or both; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(b) An officer shall arrest with or without a warrant and take into custody a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of an ex parte order or protective order in effect at the time of the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 54.

This bill prohibits the possession or sale of stolen manufacturer's serial numbers, vehicle identification plates or labels and prohibits the possession of such items with the intent that they be affixed to stolen property or used for fraudulent intent. Also, this bill increases existing misdemeanor penalty provisions applicable to related infractions involving manufacturer's serial numbers by increasing the maximum fine from \$300 to \$500, and increasing the maximum imprisonment from one year to 18 months. Violators of the provisions of this bill cited above are also subject to the same penalties.

House Bill 620, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 28, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 54.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor