

July 8, 1999

Honorable Michael S. Baer, III
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 563 BY SENATOR JORDAN

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:85(7), (10), and (11), relative to satisfaction of judgment of bond forfeiture; to provide a period of one year for the surety to satisfy a judgment of bond forfeiture for certain bail obligations; to provide with regard to enforcement and collection of judgments; to provide with regard to failure to satisfy judgments of bond forfeiture; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Baer:

Senate Bill No. 563 would increase the amount of time that a commercial surety is given to locate and present a defendant to the court without being subject to payment of any part of a bond forfeiture judgment. It is the opinion of the state's district attorneys that in view of the large number of outstanding bench warrants from cases in which defendants have bonded out of jail and failed to appear in court, now is not the time for this change in law.

As I agree with them, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 563 and am returning it to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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