

(b) (1) An individual may not take unauthorized possession or control of a motor vehicle from another individual who actually possesses the motor vehicle, by force or violence, or by putting that individual in fear through intimidation or threat of force or violence.

(2) A violation of this subsection is carjacking.

(c) (1) A person may not employ or display a dangerous weapon during the commission of a carjacking.

(2) A violation of this subsection is armed carjacking.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 30 years.

(e) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive to a sentence for any other crime that arises from the conduct underlying the carjacking or armed carjacking.

(f) It is not a defense under this section that the defendant did not intend TO permanently [to] deprive the owner OR POSSESSOR of the motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 604 – *Family Law – Child Support Guidelines*.

This bill revises the schedule of basic child support obligations used to calculate the amount of a child support award under the child support guidelines. It clarifies that revision of the child support guidelines may not be grounds for a modification request except under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 328, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 604.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor