

This Bill authorizes local governments to send policemen and other officers to other jurisdictions, within or without the State, to assist in meeting emergencies.

Senate Bill 338, which was enacted by the General Assembly and was signed by me on May 14, 1969, is similar to House Bill 609 and accomplishes the same purpose. Consequently, it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 609.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

*Governor.*

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**House Bill No. 691—Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 93(a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling"; to repeal Section 93(b) of this Article and subtitle; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 94 of this Article and subtitle amending the motor vehicle laws with particular respect to the liability and the financial responsibility of minors and their parents and guardians in the use of motor vehicles.

May 21, 1969.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 691 and am returning it to you.

This Bill deletes those parts of Article 66½, Sections 93 and 94, which provide that the negligence of a minor when driving a motor vehicle shall be imputed to the parent or guardian who signs the minor's application for a driver's license, unless there is deposited with the Department of Motor Vehicles on the minor's behalf proof of financial responsibility.

In my view, a parent or guardian who gives his consent for his minor child to obtain a driver's license, ought to be responsible for the child's driving. Moreover, requiring parents either to assume liability for their children's negligent driving or to provide insurance covering their children, may lead to greater parental teaching and supervision with respect to minors' driving habits. For these reasons, I have declined to sign House Bill 691.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

*Governor.*