

Senate Bill No. 699 - Sexual Offenses - Evidence

AN ACT concerning

Rape and Sexual Offenses - Admissibility
of Evidence

FOR the purpose of limiting and in certain instances excluding, in a trial for a rape or sexual offense ~~in any degree offenses in certain degrees~~, certain evidence concerning a victim's chastity and evidence of prior sexual conduct; establishing procedures to determine the admissibility of this evidence; and generally relating to the admissibility of evidence.

May 26, 1977

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetted Senate Bill 699.

This bill proscribes, in trials for rape or certain sexual offenses, use of evidence about the chastity or prior sexual conduct of the victim.

House Bill 1445, which was enacted by the General Assembly, accomplishes the same purpose. At your request, as a sponsor of the Senate Bill, House Bill 1445 was signed by Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee III in his capacity as Acting Governor on May 17, 1977.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 699.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

Senate Bill No. 715 - Aid to Families with Dependent
Children - Amount

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