

(e) If the court determines that the abducting, detaining, or secreting of a child by a relative was done at a time or times when to do otherwise would have resulted in a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the child, and if, within 96 hours of such abducting, detaining, or secreting, the relative submits a petition to a court of competent jurisdiction within this State explaining the circumstances and seeking to revise, amend, or clarify the existing custody order, then this determination shall be a complete defense to any action brought pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 545.

This bill provides that a relative, who is aware that another person is a lawful custodian of a child, may not abduct, take, or carry away a child under 12 years of age from the lawful custodian to a place outside of this State. A person convicted of violating any provisions of this subsection is guilty of a felony.

Senate Bill 103, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 545.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

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House Bill No. 625

AN ACT concerning

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