

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

Read and ordered journalized.

House Bill No. 545

AN ACT concerning

Child-Snatching---Felony
Crimes and Punishments - Child Abduction

~~FOR the purpose of altering the nature of the offense of abducting, taking, carrying away, detaining, harboring, or secreting certain children from the lawful custodian, or acting as an accessory to such acts, under certain circumstances from a misdemeanor to a felony, and altering the penalty provisions for the offense.~~

~~FOR the purpose of providing that if a certain person is convicted of violating certain laws relating to the lawful custody of a child and the child is removed from the control of the lawful custodian for 30 days or less it is a misdemeanor, providing that if a certain person is convicted of violating certain laws relating to the lawful custody of a child and the child is removed from the control of the lawful custodian for more than 30 days it is a felony, providing certain penalties, and generally relating to violating certain laws relating to the lawful custody of a child.~~

FOR the purpose of altering the elements of the misdemeanor crime of child abduction; providing for a new felony crime of child abduction and for penalties for the felony crime; and generally relating to child abduction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 2A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)