

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

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May 31, 1983

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg  
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 vetoed Senate Bill 109.

This bill removes intoxication as a separately stated mitigating circumstance that the court or jury may consider in a sentencing proceeding for possible imposition of the death penalty.

House Bill 62, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 24, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 109.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 109

AN ACT concerning

Death Penalty - Mitigating Circumstances

~~FOR---the--purpose--of--eliminating,--as--a--possible--mitigating  
circumstance--in--criminal--cases--subject--to--the--death--penalty,  
the--circumstance--that--the--crime--of--murder--was--committed  
while--the--capacity--of--the--defendant--to--appreciate--the  
criminality--of--his--conduct--or--to--conform--his--conduct--to--the  
requirements--of--law--was--substantially--impaired--as--a--result  
of--voluntary--intoxication.~~

FOR the purpose of removing intoxication as a separately stated  
mitigating circumstance that the court or jury may consider  
in a sentencing proceeding for possible imposition of the  
death penalty; and providing a preamble of legislative  
intent.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,