

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 781.

This bill and House Bill 1462 amend the definition of crime in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act to exclude an act involving the operation of a watercraft which Senate Bill 781 defines as a "boat" and House Bill 1462 defines as a "vessel." Although the terms "boat" and "vessel" are nearly synonymous and although the enactment of one bill instead of the other might have no substantive effect, the term "vessel" is clearly defined in the Natural Resources Article and, therefore, its use tends to delimit the types of acts involving watercraft which the amendment to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act intended to exclude.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 781.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 781

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the word "crime" in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act in order to exclude from that term acts involving the use of boats under certain circumstances; correcting an obsolete reference; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Section 2(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: