

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 340.

This bill increases the maximum penalty for a subsequent offense of use of a handgun in the commission of a crime.

Senate Bill 175, 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 House Bill 340.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

House Bill No. 340

AN ACT concerning

Handgun Violations - Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalty for a subsequent offense of use of a handgun in the commission of a crime; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 36B(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

36B.

(d) Any person who shall use a handgun in the commission of any felony or any crime of violence as defined in § 441 of this article, shall be guilty of a separate misdemeanor and on conviction [thereof] shall, in addition to any other sentence imposed by virtue of commission of [said] THE felony or misdemeanor:

(1) For a first offense, be sentenced to the Maryland Division of Correction for a term of not less than 5 nor more