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Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1386.

This bill increases from 15 to 25 years the minimum period of confinement which must be served before an individual sentenced to life imprisonment for conviction for first degree murder may be eligible for parole consideration.

Senate Bill 41, 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 1386.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 1386

AN ACT concerning

Parole Eligibility - Life Imprisonment Sentence

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing~~ providing the period of time a person who has been sentenced to life imprisonment as a result of a proceeding under Article 27, § 413 must serve in jail before becoming eligible for parole; and making a stylistic change.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 122(b) ~~(1)~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 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 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

122.

(b) (1) -A- EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person who has been sentenced to life imprisonment is not eligible for parole consideration until [he] THE PERSON has served ~~-15-~~ 25 years or the equal of ~~-15-~~ 25 years