

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Affirmative: 1

Negative: 126

(See Roll Call No. 23)

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
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 461.

This bill provides that damages awarded to beneficiaries upon the death of an unmarried, nonminor child are not limited or restricted by the "pecuniary loss" or "pecuniary benefit" rule if the child is 21 years old or younger or if a parent contributed 50 percent or more of the child's support.

Senate Bill 121, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 461.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

House Bill No. 461

AN ACT concerning

Wrongful Death Act - Damages

FOR the purpose of clarifying that damages may be recovered by or for a legitimate or illegitimate child under the Wrongful Death Act; and providing that parents may recover certain damages for the death of -a- an unmarried child who is not a minor under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the recovery of damages under the Wrongful Death Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings