

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes
Section 19(f)(6) and 278F(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

The President put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Affirmative: 13

Negative: 31

(See Roll Call No. 36)

The President announced the veto was sustained.

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