

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

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 766.

This bill allows a warrantless arrest if the police have probable cause to believe the person has battered the person's spouse, there is evidence of physical injury, and the person may not be apprehended or may cause further injury if not immediately apprehended.

Senate Bill 434, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 766.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 766

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Warrantless Arrest

FOR the purpose of permitting a police officer under certain circumstances to arrest a person without a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe the person ~~criminally assaulted--or--caused-apparent-injury-to-certain-individuals with-whom-the-person-resides-or-formerly-resided;--providing law-enforcement-officers-making-certain-warrantless-arrests are-immune-from-civil-liability-under-certain-circumstances;~~ battered the person's spouse; making technical changes; and generally relating to warrantless arrests in cases of alleged domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 594B