

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 461B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 461B of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 461C.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

461B.

IN ANY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR RAPE, ATTEMPTED RAPE, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A RAPE, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A SEXUAL OFFENSE, OR ANY OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSE, THE JURY MAY NOT BE INSTRUCTED:

- (1) TO EXAMINE WITH CAUTION THE TESTIMONY OF THE PROSECUTING WITNESS, SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CHARGE;
- (2) THAT THE CHARGE IS EASILY MADE OR DIFFICULT TO DISPROVE, SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CHARGE; OR
- (3) AS TO ANY OTHER SIMILAR INSTRUCTION, SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CHARGE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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June 2, 1987

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
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 91.