

VETOES

(g) (1) "Eligible person" means a person who ~~(1)~~ (I) has been convicted of a crime and is serving a sentence of imprisonment with at least three years remaining on it, ~~(2)~~ (II) has an intellectual deficiency or emotional unbalance, ~~(3)~~ (III) is likely to respond favorably to the programs and services provided at Patuxent Institution, ~~-f-and-}-~~ ~~(4)~~ (IV) can be better rehabilitated through those programs and services than by other incarceration. ~~(5)-IS-NOT~~

(2) "ELIGIBLE PERSON" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHO (I) IS SERVING 2 OR MORE SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27, § 412 OF THE CODE, ~~AND-(6)-IS-NOT~~ OR (II) IS SERVING 1 OR MORE SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE WHEN A COURT OR JURY HAS FOUND, BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT, THAT ONE OR MORE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27, § 413 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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 702.

This bill deals with independent adoption in instances where the natural parent withholds consent to the adoption and provides criteria that the court is to use in determining whether or not to grant an adoption decree.

Senate Bill 646, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1987, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 702.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 702