

VETOES

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-101.

A civil action at law shall be filed within three years from the date it accrues unless another provision of the Code provides a different period of time within which an action shall be commenced.

5-105.

An action for ~~assault,~~ [battery,] libel ~~or~~ or slander shall be filed within one year from the date it accrues.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall ~~apply to any cause of action arising on or after July 1, 1988 be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act apply to any cause of action arising on or after July 1, 1988.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

May 25, 1989

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 679.