

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 141.

This bill would repeal an unconstitutional criminal provision concerning burning of crosses and religious symbols and adds burning and attempting to burn to the prohibitions applicable to religious and ethnic crimes.

House Bill 347, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 141.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 141

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments - Threats and Intimidation Burning on Property

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing certain provisions of law adjudged to be unconstitutional relating to cross burning; prohibiting certain conduct that intimidates or threatens others, by placing or displaying a sign, mark, symbol, emblem, or other object, including a burning cross, on public or private property without authorization of the owner; and generally relating to prohibiting intimidating or threatening conduct~~ repealing an unconstitutional provision of law concerning burning of crosses and religious symbols; prohibiting the burning or attempted burning of objects on the property of persons and institutions under certain circumstances; providing the State Fire Marshal and certain assistants with arrest power for certain types of hate crimes; and generally relating to burning of objects on certain properties.

BY repealing
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 10