

~~GUILT OF THE BURDEN OF PROOF FOR A VIOLATION BY A DEFENDANT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED SATISFIED BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE.~~ The governing body of any county may authorize the county attorney to prosecute a civil zoning violation.

(9) If a person is found by the District Court to have committed a civil zoning violation, he shall be liable for the costs of the proceedings in the District Court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Speaker Taylor:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 351.

This bill would clarify the bases on which protection against domestic violence may be sought for a child or a vulnerable adult, and would specify that adopted persons are entitled to relief and that persons related by marriage or adoption may petition for relief on behalf of the child or vulnerable adult.

Senate Bill 221, 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 House Bill 351.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 351

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence

FOR the purpose of clarifying the bases on which protection against domestic violence may be sought for a child or vulnerable adult; altering certain requirements relating to forwarding certain petitions alleging abuse of a child or vulnerable adult and requiring the forwarding of certain orders; clarifying that adopted individuals are entitled to protection; ~~clarifying various residency requirements;~~ enabling a court to extend an ex parte order for a certain time for certain reasons; allowing a protective order hearing to be continued for certain reasons; ~~specifying that a court may consider certain support guidelines;~~ altering certain provisions relating to service of