

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
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 471.

This bill would create a new statutory structure for burglary offenses.

Senate Bill 322, 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 471.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**House Bill No. 471**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes – Burglary and Related Offenses – Revision**

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws relating to burglary and related offenses; establishing the crimes of first, second, third, and fourth degree burglary and burglary with explosives; abolishing the distinction between burglary and daytime housebreaking; repealing certain provisions relating to breaking and stealing; repealing certain provisions relating to an accessory before the fact and to causing, aiding, or counseling certain offenses; repealing certain provisions of the current rogue and vagabond statute relating to a pistol, hanger, cutlass, bludgeon, or other offensive weapon; establishing that if a building or structure is divided into separately owned or leased units, each unit may not be considered a separate dwelling or storehouse for purposes of a prosecution under this Act unless it is objectively apparent that each unit constitutes a separate dwelling or storehouse; providing a short form charging document; providing that a person who is charged with certain offenses may be convicted of certain offenses; making stylistic changes to statutory provisions that include references to burglary and other related offenses to conform the provisions to the language of this Act; deleting burglary and daytime housebreaking from the list of offenses that constitute crimes of violence for the purpose of certain mandatory minimum sentences; altering a certain definition; providing that certain notes contained in the Act are not law; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to burglary and related offenses.

BY renumbering

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments