

matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996.

May 23, 1996

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 618.

This bill revises and restates the laws concerning crimes involving physical injury and threatened physical injury.

House Bill 749, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 618.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 618**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes – Assault Laws – Revision**

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws concerning crimes involving physical injury and threatened physical injury; repealing provisions of law on assault with intent to commit certain offenses and third persons aiding one being assaulted; establishing the crimes of first and second degree assault; allowing a charge of reckless endangerment to be brought for each person endangered; providing for certain defenses; providing a short form charging document and procedures related to charging a person with certain offenses; allowing assault cases to be dismissed under certain circumstances; providing that certain testimony is admissible but not required to prove certain injuries; repealing crimes related to mayhem and maiming; making stylistic, conforming, and substantive changes to statutory provisions that include references to assault-related offenses; making into felonies the attempt offenses of attempt to commit murder, rape, sexual offense, robbery, and robbery with a dangerous or deadly weapon; altering a certain penalty; repealing an obsolete reference; providing that certain Committee Notes and catchlines contained in this Act are not law; providing for the application of this