

May 24, 1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller  
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 415.

This bill would alter the penalties for malicious injury, maiming, and other acts relating to causing injuries to third persons or using means to cause injuries to third persons.

House Bill 942, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 30, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 415.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 415**

AN ACT concerning

**Malicious Injury and Maiming – Penalties**

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for malicious injury, maiming, and certain other acts relating to causing certain injuries to third persons or using certain means to cause injuries to third persons; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments  
Section 385 and 386  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments**

385.

Every person, his aiders, abettors and counsellors, who shall be convicted of the crime of cutting out or disabling the tongue, putting out an eye, slitting the nose, cutting or biting off the nose, ear or lip, or cutting or biting off or disabling any limb or member of any person, of malice aforethought, with intention in so doing to mark or disfigure such