

Senate Bill 328, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 541.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 545

AN ACT concerning

Child-Snatching---Felony
Crimes and Punishments - Child Abduction

FOR--the--purpose--of--altering--the--nature--of--the--offense--of
abducting,--taking,--carrying--away,--detaining,--harboring,
or---secreting---certain---children---from---the---lawful
custodian,--or--acting--as--an--accessory--to--such--acts,
under--certain--circumstances--from--a--misdemeanor--to--a
felony,--and--altering--the--penalty--provisions--for--the
offense.

FOR--the--purpose--of--providing--that--if--a--certain--person--is
convicted--of--violating--certain--laws--relating--to--the
lawful--custody--of--a--child--and--the--child--is--removed--from
the--control--of--the--lawful--custodian--for--30--days--or--less
it--is--a--misdemeanor,--providing--that--if--a--certain--person
is--convicted--of--violating--certain--laws--relating--to--the
lawful--custody--of--a--child--and--the--child--is--removed--from
the--control--of--the--lawful--custodian--for--more--than--30
days--it--is--a--felony,--providing--certain--penalties,--and
generally--relating--to--violating--certain--laws--relating
to--the--lawful--custody--of--a--child.

FOR the purpose of altering the elements of the misdemeanor
crime of child abduction; providing for a new felony
crime of child abduction and for penalties for the
felony crime; and generally relating to child
abduction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 2A
Annotated Code of Maryland