

than 20 years, and it is mandatory upon the court to impose no less than the minimum sentence of 5 years.

(2) For a second or subsequent offense, be sentenced to the Maryland Division of Correction for a term of not less than 5 nor more than [15] 20 years, and it is mandatory upon the court to impose no less than a minimum consecutive sentence of 5 years which shall be served consecutively and not concurrently to any other sentence imposed by virtue of the commission of [said] THE felony or misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 461.

This bill provides that damages awarded to beneficiaries upon the death of an unmarried, nonminor child are not limited or restricted by the "pecuniary loss" or "pecuniary benefit" rule if the child is 21 years old or younger or if a parent contributed 50 percent or more of the child's support.

Senate Bill 121, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 461.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 461

AN ACT concerning

Wrongful Death Act - Damages

FOR the purpose of clarifying that damages may be recovered by or for a legitimate or illegitimate child under the Wrongful Death Act; and providing that parents may recover certain