

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1261 – Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Sponsoring Organizations – Qualified Immunity from Civil Liability.

This bill provides that a “child passenger safety technician” or “sponsoring organization” is not civilly liable for an act or omission that occurs solely in the inspection, installation or adjustment of a “child safety seat” in a motor vehicle, or in giving advice or assistance regarding the installation or adjustment of a child safety seat, under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 35, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1261.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1261

AN ACT concerning

**Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Sponsoring Organizations –
Qualified Immunity from Civil Liability**

FOR the purpose of providing immunity from civil liability for child passenger safety technicians and sponsoring organizations for acts and omissions that occur solely in the inspection of, installation, or adjustment of a child safety seat in a motor vehicle, or in giving certain advice or assistance under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to qualified immunity from civil liability for child passenger safety technicians and sponsoring organizations.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–640

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5–640.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN BY AN ENTITY