

several reasons: first, it establishes a reasonable balance between the firefighters' compensation and their work conditions; second, considering the nature of these work conditions, the 56-hour week is actually equivalent to a normal work week for any other state employee, thus maintaining parity with all other employees; and finally, the 56-hour week is standard at fire departments in surrounding jurisdictions, thus maintaining parity with other members of the profession outside of state service.

I am aware that these 45 firefighters perform a valuable service for the State. The question of the number of hours which they should or can work is an administrative matter which I can and will work out with all concerned parties.

For these reasons, and at the request of the Secretaries of Transportation and Budget and Fiscal Planning, I have decided to veto House Bill 734.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 754 - Sales and Use Taxes -
Contractors

AN ACT concerning

Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Contractors

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for personal property purchased by a contractor for use in another state or the District of Columbia, which could be purchased by the contractor for use free from sales tax in that state or the District of Columbia, ~~and is altered or modified, or temporarily stored in Maryland pending shipment to that other state or the District of Columbia~~ subject to certain conditions; providing for the construction of certain terms; permitting the Comptroller to promulgate certain regulations; and relating generally to the sales and use taxation of certain personal property.

May 26, 1977

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House