

May 29, 1979

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 1222.

This bill increases the number of judges of the circuit courts in Anne Arundel, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Worcester counties and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Senate Bill 741, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1979, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 1222.

Sincerely,
 Harry Hughes
 Governor

 House Bill No. 1236

AN ACT concerning

Excise Tax on Cigarettes - Sales Tax, Use
Tax, and Sales

FOR the purpose of exempting certain cigarette sales of cigarettes from the retail level sales tax; providing for an excise tax on cigarettes in lieu of a retail sales tax; defining terms; providing for the imposition, payment, and collection of the excise tax on cigarettes; authorizing the Comptroller to enforce the provisions of this Act; providing penalties; and providing that the sale and use of all cigarettes in the State shall be subject to the full tax; providing that cigarettes held for sale after the effective date of this Act shall bear stamps equal to the increased rate of tax, except under certain conditions; providing that, with certain exceptions, a certain stamp shall be used to evidence the statewide tax; changing the amount of discount to stamp purchasers; providing for the