

Black Caucus still opposed to gun bill in present form

(AFRO Bureau)

ANNAPOLIS — 'Until amendments are offered and adopted that would conform to the probable-cause doctrine, the majority of the members of the Caucus are opposed to the Governor's Gun Control Bill'

This is the essence of a statement issued last night (Monday), by the Maryland State Legislative Black Caucus

Del. Arthur King, Prince George County, chairman, speaking for the Caucus, gave this explanation:

'The Caucus feels with the rapid increase in crime involving the use of hand guns, there is a definite

need for restrictions concerning the sale, carrying or transportation of hand guns within the State of Maryland.

'However, it is felt that certain provisions of the Bill (i.e. (Stop and Frisk) limited search, go far beyond the probable cause doctrine that has a very long history in the state of Maryland.

'It is felt that this provision will create undue harassment to citizens of the state

'The stop and frisk or limited search provisions of the bill gives greater authority to the police than what judges have in searching a citizen without

probable cause.

'Until amendments are offered adoted that would conform to the probable cause doctrine, the majority of the members of the caucus are opposed to the Governor's Gun Control Bill.'

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FEBRUARY 12

Cat Show, Chesapeake Cat Club, Inc., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lower Exhibit Hall. Bridal Fair WCAO Radio Broadcasting Company 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Hopkins Room Extended: Jerry Butler Valentine Show Baltimore Scholarship Fund, Inc., 8 p.m., Auditorium.