

VETO OF BILL TO REMOVE GOVERNOR'S POWER
TO APPOINT LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
IN BALTIMORE COUNTY*

June 8, 1967

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland
Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 82 and am returning it to you.

This bill would remove the power of appointment of members of the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore County from the Governor and vest it in the County Executive of Baltimore County.

When a Board of License Commissioners was initially established in Baltimore County, the Board of County Commissioners was given the power to appoint members. Upon the adoption of Charter Government by the County in 1956, the power of appointment was transferred to the Governor of the State, where it has since remained. To again shift the power of appointment at this time would bring into question the very balance and stability of institutions that Charter Government is designed to establish, and would interject partisan politics into a vital and significant governmental agency.

For these reasons, and because of the undesirable and unsettling effect of such action on other counties in the State, I am compelled to veto the bill.

*See comments, June 22, 1967, after General Assembly overrode veto.

APPEAL TO VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION
OF DELEGATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
(Taped for Radio Broadcasts and issued to Newspapers)

June 9, 1967

Governor Agnew appealed to Maryland voters today to take advantage of their unique opportunity and produce a heavy turnout in next Tuesday's election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention.