

authorize the levy of a tax upon real estate rentals in Montgomery County.

About ten days before the end of the session of the General Assembly, this bill was introduced and it then provided for the trial and punishment of adults who cause any condition bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. In its amended form it was passed during the last two days of the session, without an opportunity for those who would be taxed to be heard.

Since the adjournment of the General Assembly there has been a storm of protest against both the procedure followed, and the provisions of the bill upon the ground that they are discriminatory. Many veterans and their representatives have requested that the tax provided by this bill be not approved at this time, because of their inability to buy or build homes of their own.

For these reasons, the bill will be vetoed.

HOUSE BILL 867

AN ACT to repeal Sections T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, II, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN of Section 2, Chapter 992 of the Laws of Maryland, 1943, as amended insofar as such sections may be applicable to Montgomery County.

This bill repeals 13 sections of Chapter 992 of the Acts of 1943 which relate to the "Maryland-Washington Regional District" located in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, insofar as such sections may be applicable to Montgomery County. These sections provide:

- (1) For the establishing of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Montgomery County, to set out the rules and regulations pertaining thereto and the functions and duties of such Board;
- (2) For the issuance of building permits for Montgomery County;
- (3) For the appointment of building inspectors and assistants for Montgomery County;
- (4) For the duties of building inspectors for said county;
- (5) For safety regulations relating to public buildings in said county.

House Bill 860 would have placed these duties and functions under the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County. However, this bill failed of passage and if House Bill 867 is signed, the provisions of the law referred to above will be repealed leaving Montgomery County without the statutory authority these sections cover.

For these reasons, the bill will be vetoed.