

used by manufacturers in Wicomico County, and to provide for agreements for payments in lieu of taxes."

For the reasons stated in a letter of even date, respecting the legal sufficiency of House Bill 192, copy of which letter is attached hereto, it is the opinion of this office that House Bill 204 fails to meet the requirements of Articles 15 and 23 of the Declaration of Rights and, therefore, is unconstitutional. This bill contains language identical to that language of House Bill 192 upon which we based our opinion that *that bill is unconstitutional*.

Sincerely,

(s) Thomas B. Finan,  
Attorney General.

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**House Bill No. 213—Reimbursement from Relatives for  
Public Welfare Payments**

~~AN ACT to add a new~~ AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE SHALL SEEK RE-IMBURSEMENTS FROM LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE RELATIVES FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, BY ADDING A NEW Section 15A to Article 70A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Old Age Assistance," to follow immediately after Section 15 thereof, providing that any child of an applicant for or recipient of old age assistance who is financially able to contribute to a reasonable subsistence of the applicant or recipient is obligated to do so, and relating generally to the determination of such ability and the payment, and collection of the obligation by the Collection Unit now operating as such for the Department of Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Health; AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 7A TO ARTICLE 88A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION) TITLE "STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE" TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 7 THEREOF, AUTHORIZING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THE ESTABLISHMENT BY REGULATION OF SIMILAR PROCEDURES WITH REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY BLIND AND TO THE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED.

May 2, 1963.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Acting Speaker  
House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Mandel:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill No. 213 and am returning this Bill along with my veto message.