

no longer serving in the General Assembly, to the present members of the General Assembly or to future members of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

(s) Thomas B. Finan,
Attorney General.

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House Bill No. 663—Regulations on Detergent Wastes

AN ACT to add new subsection (e) to Section 36 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Water Pollution Control Commission," to follow immediately after subsection 36 (d) thereof, limiting the powers of the Water Pollution Control Commission to make rules and regulations concerning detergent wastes.

May 3, 1963.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill No. 663 and am returning this Bill along with my veto message.

This Bill would prohibit the Water Pollution Control Commission to make any rule or regulation concerning detergent waste prior to June 1, 1965.

The Water Pollution Control Commission, the State Health Department and the Board of Natural Resources are all strongly opposed to this Bill. The Water Pollution Control Commission has advised me of their opposition to this Bill on the following grounds:

1. The Commission's detergent waste control standard (otherwise known as Supplement 1, to Regulation IV) is a reasonable regulation, formulated only after lengthy study and public hearings, and is entirely practical of attainment.

2. The Commission's detergent waste control requirements are not absolutely fixed values but are part of a flexible administrative framework so that pollution control can be, at all times and under all conditions, a reasonable effort.

3. In what is already considered to be quite liberal action, the Commission has already extended the effective date of its detergent waste regulation to January 1, 1964. The Commission believes, however, that any further delay would constitute a most serious pollution control setback.

4. The provisions of House Bill No. 663, if signed into law, would constitute unnecessary infringement on the authority of the