

J. MILLARD TAWES, Governor

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Letter from State Law Department on House Bill No. 189

April 5, 1965.

The Honorable J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: House Bill No. 189

Dear Governor Tawes:

We have examined House Bill 189, as passed by the General Assembly and for the reasons hereafter set forth have concluded that it is unconstitutional.

As originally introduced and as set forth in its title, the bill was designed "to increase the salary of the judges of the People's Court of Prince George's County" from \$12,500 to \$17,000 per year.

During the course of its passage through the General Assembly, the bill was amended to increase the number of full-time judges of the said court from two to three; to designate one of such judges as chief judge; and to provide salaries of \$17,000 for the chief judge and \$16,000 for the two associate judges.

Article III, § 29 of the Constitution of Maryland provides in part that "every Law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in its title" Although the bill creates an additional judgeship in addition to increasing the salary of the judges of the People's Court of Prince George's County, the new judgeship is not referred to in the title. We, therefore, feel that this bill is in contravention of the cited portion of the Constitution and should not be approved.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas B. Finan,
Attorney General.

House Bill No. 227—Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses

AN ACT to repeal Section 109 (b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration-Registration-Titling," and to enact new Section 109 (b) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to provide that an appeal by a person who was denied an operator's license or whose license was cancelled, suspended, or revoked shall automatically operate as a stay.

May 4, 1965.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill 227 and, in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution, I am returning the same to you along with my veto message.