

This bill pertains to the filing of an appeal by an individual who is denied a Maryland operator's license or whose license has been cancelled, suspended or revoked. It further provides that when an appeal has been noted, such appeal shall operate as a stay as to the cancellation, suspension or revocation of a driver's permit. It provides that such stay shall operate or be effective for a period not to exceed thirty days after the first day of the next succeeding term of court and it also provides that by an order of the Court, the stay can be extended for an additional thirty days.

It is my feeling that the language of this bill is not compatible with our efforts to improve safety on our highways. Under this legislation, motorists with bad driving records would be permitted to continue to operate a motor vehicle in their customary reckless and unsafe manner for an extended period of time, simply by filing an appeal. This would lend itself to the practice of individuals with multiple convictions continuing to drive while the appeals are pending, which, in many instances could conceivably carry over for a considerable period.

This Administration, as well as the present and prior legislatures, has done much to improve highway safety in this State by removing from our highways those motorists whose past driving conduct has indicated that they should no longer be entitled to a driver's permit in this State.

The enactment of this bill, I am afraid, would not be consistent with those efforts.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

House Bill No. 251—Baltimore City Municipal Court

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 126 (a) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," increasing the salary of the Chief Clerk, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION AND THE DEPUTY CLERK OF THE TRAFFIC DIVISION of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City.

May 4, 1965.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 251, 1965 Session, and I am returning this bill along with my veto message.

This bill amends Section 126 (a) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the purpose of increasing the salary of the Chief Clerk of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City.