

Because of the above stated reasons, I feel compelled to veto House Bill 306.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

House Bill No. 424—Charles County Sewers

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 254 and 258 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Sewers," as added by Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1941; and to add a new Section 254A to the said Code, to follow immediately after Section 254 thereof, to provide for a method of appeal from an adverse decision of the County Health Officer regarding building permits in Charles County.

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 424, 1965 Session, and I am returning this bill to you along with my veto message.

This bill establishes a Charles County Health Officer Appeal Board which can change the decisions of the County Health Officer in matters relating to certain sanitary facilities.

While this bill appears to be a local bill for Charles County it could operate to set aside rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. If similar action were taken by other counties and Baltimore City, the effect might be chaos in regard to the installation and operation of sanitary facilities in the State.

In addition, all actions of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene are subject to appeal to the courts for determination as to reasonableness. House Bill 424 does not provide for appeal to the courts, but makes final the decision of a board appointed by the local authorities. This could well operate to the disadvantage of the citizens of the State and the duly constituted agencies.

Because of the above stated reasons, I feel compelled to veto House Bill 424.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.