

such individuals cease using medication, in the hope of retaining their driving privileges, the State would be encouraging the development of a situation wherein the health of these patients would deteriorate with perhaps fatal consequences.

Accordingly, I am vetoing House Bill 269. However, I am requesting the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the members of the Traffic Safety Subcommittee of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty to communicate with the sponsors of the Bill in the hopes of drafting new legislation that will benefit public safety while, at the same time, not place a severe hardship upon citizens who are dependent upon both medication and the retention of their driving privileges in order to lead normal, prosperous lives.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

House Bill No. 283—Baltimore City—Police Union

AN ACT to add new Section 531A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City," subtitle "Miscellaneous Local Laws," sub-heading "Police Commissioner," to follow immediately after Section 531 thereof; allowing the police of Baltimore City to organize ~~and form a union,~~ providing for recognition of and dealing with ~~such a union and prohibiting certain activities by such a union~~ SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES BY SUCH ORGANIZATION and its members.

May 5, 1966.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 283.

This Bill would require the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to grant recognition to any organization within the City Police Department which demonstrates that it represents more than fifty per cent of the patrolmen and sergeants on the police force. I believe that police officers must bear allegiance to the Department and to the fundamental concept of safeguarding the lives and property of all people within the community. The policeman must be absolutely impartial in protecting the public, and aloof from all organizations with special interests. Union membership can easily influence