

**House Bill No. 301—Frederick and Washington
Counties—Probation**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Criminal Jurisdiction," to empower justices of the peace in Washington County AND IN FREDERICK COUNTY to suspend sentence and place on probation before conviction any person accused of a crime over which jurisdiction is obtain AND PROVIDING ALSO FOR THE SUPERVISION IN THOSE COUNTIES OF PERSONS PLACED ON PROBATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE AND PROBATION.

May 6, 1966.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill 301 and, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I am returning the same to you along with my message concerning this action.

On April 28 of this year, I received a letter from the Attorney General, a copy of which is attached and to be considered a part of this message, advising that in the opinion of that office, the bill was unconstitutional. In light of this advice, I felt that I could not sign the same into law.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on H. B. 301.

April 28, 1966.

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

Re: House Bill 301

Dear Governor Tawes:

At your request we have examined, from the standpoint of form and legal sufficiency, House Bill 301 passed at the 1966 regular session of the General Assembly.

By its title this bill seeks "to empower justices of the peace in Washington County and in Frederick County to suspend sentence