

In my opinion, the entire matter of extending State credit in these private areas should be thoroughly restudied. The conventional long-range needs of the State are so overwhelming that its credit must be preserved for its designated responsibilities.

For these reasons I am compelled to veto the bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

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**Senate Bill No. 569—Parole and Probation**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 109, ~~117~~, 110, 111, 112, 113, 119, 124 and 126 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", subtitle "The Executive Department", subheading "Department of Parole and Probation"; to repeal Sections 108 and ~~116~~, 116 AND 117 of the said Article, subtitle and subheading of the Code; to add new Sections 122A, 122B and 127A, respectively, to the said Article, subtitle and subheading of the Code, to follow respectively immediately after Sections 122 and 127 thereof; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 672 (a) of Article 27 of the said Code (1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment", subheading "Department of Correction", subheading "Advisory Board"; to separate the functions of the Board of Parole and Probation from the Department of Parole and Probation in order to provide that the Board shall hear and decide cases of parole and that the Department shall supervise the activities of persons placed on parole or probation, to change the name of the Board to the Parole Board, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES, and to make other necessary changes in the laws of the State. AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT.

May 4, 1967.

Honorable William S. James  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

Vetoed and returned to you in accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution is Senate Bill 569, which would create a full-time Parole Board and staff separate from the present Department of Parole and Probation. Although I am generally in accord with the objectives of the bill, existing circumstances indicate that the bill is premature and that the entire matter should probably be studied further by the Legislative Council.

In the first place, there is no appropriation in the current budget for an independent board and staff. Although a transfer of funds could probably be arranged to solve this problem, I do not feel that such a procedure is desirable in the absence of a genuine emergency.