

Dize, Burkheimer, Mackie, Menes, Mothershead, Banning, Hull, King, Weile, Bagley, Donovan, McDonough, Hickman (R.), Houck, Remsberg, Virts, Greer, Hess, Scarff, Hargreaves, Antonelli, Holub, Kent, Murphy, Rutkowski, Wyatt, Donaldson, Grumbacher, Clarke, Cronin, Lady, Scott, Whalen, Whitney, Becker, Bell, Blondes, Cook (E. P.), Crawford, Zander, Wisner, Beall, Cook (N. S.), Evans, Reed, Matthews (R. C.), Yingling, Burgess, Aiken. Total—78

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.

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.

Secondly, we are on the verge of designating a new Director of our Correctional System. It would be wise for us to allow him maximum flexibility in suggesting the most effective structure for our system, inasmuch as he will be substantially responsible for the successful implementation of whatever change is adopted.

Finally, although I favor an autonomous full-time Parole Board, I am not totally convinced of the proper staffing decision. There is quite a difference of opinion among the experts. This makes it even more important that our new head of Corrections be heard on this subject.

Although I am compelled to veto the bill at this time, it is with the hope that the principle objectives of the legislation can be more effectively accomplished by the General Assembly in 1968.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 569—By Senators Snyder, Bishop, Byron, Hoyer and Welcome.

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,