

May 4, 1967.

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today Senate Bill 706.

This bill would extend the compulsory retirement age of the State Service Officer appointed by the Maryland Veterans Commission to 72. The State Department of Employees Retirement System informs me that an extension of the retirement age for any one individual is contrary to Department policy in making exceptions to a system in which uniform treatment is the essence of the system.

I am certain that each year many able State employees are compelled to retire although they would prefer to continue working. To make one exception is not only inequitable—it invites others until the exceptions inexorably cripple the whole principle of compulsory retirement.

For these reasons, I am compelled to veto the bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 706—By Senator McGuirk.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 (1) (b) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Pension," subtitle "In General," to specify the age at which the State Service Officer shall be retired.

The President put the question: shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The President announced the veto was sustained by roll call as follows:

Affirmative—None

Negative

Senators—

Mr. President, Anderson, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Conroy, Curran, Dean, Dorf, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes (G.), Hughes (H.), Lapidés, Lee, Malkus, Manning, Mitchell, McCourt, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—43

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message: