

Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "General Contractors and Sub-Contractors," to revise this subtitle to include resident general contractors and sub-contractors; to set out conditions under which the Inspector may waive examinations; to require architects and engineers to advise prospective bidders to set out their Registered Maryland Contractor's number in their plans, specifications and bids; to prohibit assignment or transfer of a certificate of registration, and to correct certain errors.

May 7, 1968.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 714 and am returning it to you.

This bill, among other things, requires that all general contractors and subcontractors performing work in the State shall be licensed by the Comptroller's Office prior to having the right to submit a bid on a State contract. We are advised that this bill is in contravention of Federal regulations. If it is signed, it could impair all Federal aid highway funds the State of Maryland receives from the Federal Government.

I am attaching copies of letters signed by Mr. Richard Ackroyd, Division Engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. Howard A. Heffron, Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration, which state that this bill is directly contrary to the provisions of regulations adopted by the Federal Government relating to highways. Please consider the attached letters as part of this message.

I am compelled to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

*Governor.*

Letter from Bureau of Public Roads on H. B. 714

March 29, 1968.

Mr. Jerome B. Wolff  
Chairman-Director  
Maryland State Roads Commission  
300 W. Preston Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Wolff:

We have just had occasion to review House Bill No. 714 that we understand has been recently passed by the Maryland Legislature. Your attention is called to the fact that the new matter added to the act under subparagraph 270 (r) on page 4, appears to be contrary