

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 770.

This bill removes the 35 mile maximum speed limit now imposed on loaded "dump trucks." These vehicles under current law are authorized to haul maximum weights of 40,000 pounds on 2 axles and 65,000 on 3 or more axles. Their very short wheel base for the load carried, of necessity, creates an extreme hazard at high speeds. In the event of brake failure or loss of control, the possibility of serious or even fatal accidents will be greatly increased at higher rates of speed. The relinquishing of the existing controls on the speed of these vehicles would not be compatible with present steps being taken to improve and promote traffic safety on our highways.

For the above reasons, I am compelled to veto this measure.

Sincerely,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

House Bill No. 772—Weight of Trucks

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 315 (a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to provide for a weight allowance of 10% over the maximum individual axle load of a vehicle as long as the combined load on all axles with such allowance on any individual axle does not thereby exceed the gross weight limit of such vehicle.

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 772 and am returning it to you.

This bill provides for a tolerance of 10% in the axle weight of certain loaded trucks. An examination of statistics reveals that no other State in the Continental United States has a greater statutory axle weight than does Maryland. Maryland's maximum is 22,400