

This Bill provides that employees of volunteer ambulance or rescue squads or volunteer fire departments shall have immunity from civil damages under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 676, which was enacted by the General Assembly and was signed by me on May 14, 1969, accomplishes the same purpose as House Bill 374 and is in fact broader. Consequently, it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 374.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

*Governor.*

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**House Bill No. 387—Natural Gas in Allegany County**

AN ACT to add new Sections 572-1 to 572-10, inclusive, to the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," to follow immediately after Section 572 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Natural Gas," levying a distribution and production tax on the business or occupation of collecting, distributing and producing natural gas or other gases taken from the earth in Allegany County, providing generally for the powers and duties of the county commissioner and of certain other persons with respect to the levying, administration and collection of this tax and relating generally to the collection, distribution and production of natural gas or other gases taken from the earth in Allegany County and to the taxation and regulation thereof.

May 28, 1969.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 387 and am returning it to you.

This Bill provides for a distribution and production tax on natural gas, or other gases, taken from the earth in Allegany County.

I am informed by the Attorney General that this Bill is in conflict with Article 15 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and Article III, Section 29, of the Maryland Constitution. For the reasons given in the attached copy of his opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I believe that the measure must be vetoed.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

*Governor.*