

Senate Bill No. 285—Mental Health.

AN ACT to repeal Section 1E of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume, 1968 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene," and to repeal, in its entirety, Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume, 1968 Supplement), title "Lunatics and Insane" and to enact a new Article 59 to stand in the place of the Article so repealed and to be under the new title "Mental Hygiene"; providing for the enactment of new statutory provisions for the policy of the State of Maryland for mental health, defining terms, organization and administration of the Department of Mental Hygiene, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene and their respective rights, powers and duties, rules and regulations, the admission, transfer and release of mentally ill persons, patients' records, the defense of insanity in criminal cases, organization and administration of public facilities, their employees, their rights, powers and duties, the licensing of private facilities, licensing requirements, suspension and revocation of licenses, financing of mental health services, persons and governmental units liable for such financing, enforcement of liability, patients' records and civil rights, penalties, civil and criminal, and relating generally to all phases of the law pertaining to mental health and mentally ill persons.

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, Azrael, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Cook, Conroy, Crawford, Curran, Dean, Dean, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes H., Lapidus, Malkus, McCourt, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland. Total—41

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

June 20, 1969.

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 332 and am returning it to you.

This Bill prohibits all retail establishments licensed or regulated under Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland from using to promote sales any games or contests whereby persons may receive gifts, prizes or gratuities as determined by chance.

I am personally opposed to the use of these games by retail establishments, and I would favor their abolition by legislation in any segment of retailing where there is a general consensus that they should be abolished. Thus, when I was Speaker of the House of Delegates during the 1968