

the Commission on Medical Discipline to properly regulate the activities of licensed medical physicians in this State.

I am aware that my decision to veto the abortion bill will be disappointing to many of our citizens who earnestly and sincerely believe that the question of abortion is one that should be decided solely by a woman and her doctor. And I concur so long as both are protected by adequate safeguards in the law.

Since this measure was enacted, many members of the General Assembly who voted for it have advised me that they have changed their opinions and would prefer to see the measure vetoed and a bill with adequate safeguards prepared. They have explained that the bill did not receive the scrutiny it needed because of the rush of legislative business in the final days of the 1970 session.

It is reasonable to assume that the next session of the General Assembly will consider legislation concerning abortions, and I hope that the members of the General Assembly will keep in mind the safeguards that I have referred to.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 533—Destruction of Court Records

AN ACT to add new Section 1A to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Clerks of Courts," subtitle "General Duties of Clerks," to follow immediately after Section 1 thereof, ~~to authorize clerks of courts to destroy certain books and papers.~~ *AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE 54 OF SAID CODE (1969 SUPPLEMENT) TITLE "HALL OF RECORDS," SUBTITLE "HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION," ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN BOOKS AND PAPERS BY CLERKS OF COURTS* THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HALL OF RECORDS AND THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR SUCH DESTRUCTION.

May 26, 1970.

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 533.

This Bill adds a new Section 1A to Article 17, relating to duties and responsibilities of the clerks of the various courts of Maryland. The specific provisions of Section 1A relate to the destruction by the clerk of pleadings, papers, and files which have become outdated and serve no useful purpose.