

or youth center was erected within seven hundred and fifty feet of said establishment, or where the said license is in effect for said establishment on June 1, 1965, where a previous license was not abandoned by the establishment.

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 854.

This bill authorizes the Montgomery County board of license commissioners to reissue a non-abandoned prior liquor license, where subsequent to the original granting of the license a school, church, public library or youth center was erected within seven hundred and fifty feet of the establishment.

The bill was sponsored by the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly. Since the adjournment of the General Assembly, an overwhelming majority of the members of the Montgomery County Delegation have requested that the bill be vetoed. Consequently, I am vetoing House Bill 854 at the request of the sponsors.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 859—Absentee Voting

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27-3 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," to clarify the existing provision.

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 859.

The apparent purpose of this bill was to authorize municipal corporations to enact provisions for absentee voters in municipal elections. However, the new language added to the Code by the bill to accomplish this purpose, merely authorizes the enactment by municipal corporations of "their own provisions for absentee voters." The new language contains no qualifying words such as "in municipal elections" or other words to the same effect. I am concerned that the particular language used may possibly be construed as authorizing