

municipal corporations to enact their own provisions for absentee voters in county-wide or state-wide elections. For this reason, I have declined to sign House Bill 859.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 955—Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6(b) of Article 26A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act," amending the criminal injuries compensation act to increase the time limit for filing of claims.

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 955.

This bill amends a section of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act so as to increase the time limit for filing of claims.

The identical amendment to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act was accomplished by Senate Bill 395, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 5, 1970. Consequently, it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 955.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 1055—Demotion of State Police Employees

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20(b) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "Police and Civilian Employees," to provide ~~that State Police who are reduced in rank may request a hearing before a Board of Review and for the appointment of the Board of Review~~ FOR PROCEDURES TO BE EMPLOYED CONCERNING REDUCTIONS IN RANK AND DEMOTIONS OF STATE POLICE EMPLOYEES.

May 26, 1970.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe
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