

The Attorney General has advised me that House Bill 218 is defective because of the failure to include certain necessary references in one section of the bill. For the reasons given in the attached copy of the Attorney General's opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I believe that this measure must be vetoed.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on House Bill No. 218

April 29, 1971.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: House Bills 218 and 799

Dear Governor Mandel:

I have reviewed House Bills 218 and 799 for legal sufficiency.

Section (d) of House Bill 218 obviously intended to provide that great-grandparents would inherit, by representation, in the event a decedent was not survived by parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or the issue of any of these. However, inadvertently, Section (d) fails to refer to or exclude brothers, sisters, or their issue, and I feel the bill is, therefore, defective. If enacted, unintended legal contests could develop between brothers, sisters, or their issue, on the one hand, and great-grandparents, or their issue, on the other hand, over the right to inherit.

House Bill 799 should not be enacted into law if House Bill 218 is vetoed. House Bill 799 establishes the methods for determining representation for the issue of grandparents and great-grandparents. However, without the amending effect of House Bill 218, Section 3-104 of Article 93 of the Maryland Code prohibits the taking, by representation, of the issue of grandparents or great-grandparents. Furthermore, the language of Section 2 of House Bill 799 would, in my opinion, present difficult problems of interpretation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ FRANCIS B. BURCH,
Attorney General.

House Bill No. 228—Industrial Finance and Small Loan Companies

AN ACT to add new Section 67A to Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Banks and Trust Companies," subtitle "General Regulations," to follow immediately after Section 67 thereof; to add new Section 196A to Article 11 of the Code, title "Banks and Trust Companies," subtitle "Industrial Finance Companies," to follow immediately after