

Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 6-102.4, of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that a Class D driver's license shall authorize the licensee to drive any vehicle except combination vehicles, trucks with a gross weight of more than 20,000 pounds, buses, and motorcycles. A Class D license is the lowest classification of a license in the Driver Classification System under our motor vehicle laws. In effect, House Bill 624 would permit a person with an operator's license to operate equipment of the nature of a Class A license, such as a hook and ladder truck, when he is not qualified to do so. I share the concern of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who has requested that this bill be vetoed, that this bill would dilute the Driver Classification System. The Commissioner has further pointed out that this bill might open the door to regular fire companies and other well-intentioned people to request further exemptions from the classification law.

In view of the foregoing, I have decided to veto House Bill 624.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 628—Errors in Trial Magistrate Laws

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 31(a) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Docket;" and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 109 of said Article and title, subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," to correct certain errors therein.

May 28, 1971.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 628.

This bill repeals and re-enacts, with amendments, a section of the law relating to the appointment and compensation of constables at large for trial magistrates in several counties.

House Bill 512, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 17, 1971, enacts new uniform statewide provisions relating to the appointment and compensation of constables in the District Court. Because of the inconsistency between the two bills, and because the enactment of House Bill 512 renders House Bill 628 unnecessary, I have decided to veto House Bill 628.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.