

statewide basis by the Comptroller of the Treasury. The new Section 405 provided for by House Bill 31 would be substantially different, in both language and subject matter, from the Section 405 which Senate Bill 470 purports to repeal and re-enact.

Thus regardless of whether House Bill 31 is signed into law or Chapter 429 of the Laws of 1971 is allowed to take effect without change, the result would be that as of July 1, 1972, the admissions tax would be primarily a local tax. Senate Bill 470 appears to take cognizance of this change in that an amendment to the title of the Bill was made which indicates that the exemption provided for is from "local admissions taxes."

We wish to point out, however, that if both House Bill 31 and Senate Bill 470 are signed into law, the result will be that there would be two Section 405(a)'s of Article 81 as well as two Sections of the Admissions Tax Law dealing with exemptions. We believe that you should note the apparent conflict between these Sections and the possible difficulties in reconciling them to give effect to both Bills.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ FRANCIS B. BURCH,
Attorney General.

Senate Bill No. 507—Pinball Machines—Four Counties

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 (5) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Pinball Machines and Console Machines," ; AND AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 19 (5) (E) TO THE SAME ARTICLE, TITLE AND SUBTITLE, ~~to include Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties among those counties to which the section applies.~~ TO AUTHORIZE THE LICENSING OF FREE PLAY AND CONSOLE PINBALL MACHINES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES OF THE STATE, AND TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEES THEREON IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

June 9, 1972.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 507.

This bill authorizes the licensing and operation of free play pinball machines and free play console machines in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. Article 56, Sections 18 and 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland presently provide for the licensing and operation of free play pinball machines and free play console machines in certain counties of this State. Senate Bill 507 would add four more counties to this law.

In my opinion, any law relating to the licensing and operation of these types of machines should be considered on a Statewide basis