

**House Bill No. 16—Hospital Care of Indigents and
Medically Indigent**

AN ACT to repeal AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDMENTS Section 42A of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," ~~to repeal~~ TO PROVIDE FOR PHASING OUT the requirement that counties and Baltimore City pay a designated percentage of the costs for the hospital care of indigents and medically indigents ~~and to repeal related procedures for such payments~~ AND GENERALLY RELATING THERETO.

May 31, 1972.

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 16.

This bill requires the State to assume one-half of the local contribution to the cost of providing hospital and medical care to the indigent after July 1, 1973, and to assume the full cost of such care after July 1, 1974.

I have been advised that the cost to the State under House Bill 16 in terms of lost revenues would be \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 1974 and \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 1975. I do not believe that sufficient consideration has been given as to how this loss of revenue from the local contributions will be replaced.

When the State assumes such a considerable annual expense, it must do so in the light of other existing calls upon its fiscal resources, and adequate fiscal planning must be undertaken with regard to the source of required revenues.

In the absence of some definite plan or indication of where the State will find sufficient revenues to replace the local contributions, I am required to veto House Bill 16.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,

Governor.

House Bill No. 26—Instruction for Handicapped Children

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 92 (a) and 99 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. The Public Schools," and "Chapter 7. Handicapped Children," respectively, to provide that the boards of education of the several counties and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City shall provide a program of instruction for any child between the ages of six (6) and ~~twenty-one (21)~~ TWENTY years old who has a mental, physical or emotional handicap and who is educable and qualified for special instruction under the rules, regulations and laws of the State Board of Education; to