

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 House Bill 305 must be vetoed.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Letter from the Attorney General on House Bill 305

April 20, 1972.

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

Re: House Bill 305 and Senate Bill 89

Dear Governor Mandel:

We have reviewed the above two bills and although it is our conclusion that both bills are individually legally sufficient, we wish to bring to your attention the apparent conflict between them.

Both bills are apparently intended to correct a technical error in Section 19 of Article 51, relating to juries. The existing law is ambiguous and possibly contradictory in that subsection (i) provides for jurors in Dorchester County to receive \$15.00 per day and prohibits any extra allowances for expenses while subsection (j) provides that jurors in Dorchester County shall receive \$10.00 per day and provides nothing as to reimbursement for expenses. Both bills purport to reconcile these provisions and require payment of \$15.00 per day. Senate Bill 89 does so by amending subsection (j) and deleting the reference to Dorchester County in subsection (i), while House Bill 305 deletes subsection (j) entirely and leaves the reference to Dorchester County in subsection (i). The effect of enacting both bills may well be to remove all reference to payment of jurors in Dorchester County from Section 19 of Article 51.

Insofar as both bills purport to reach the same result, it would appear that the proper resolution of this problem, assuming your concurrence in the substantive effect of the amendment, is to veto one of the bills and sign the other.

Sincerely,

/s/ FRANCIS B. BURCH,
Attorney General.

House Bill No. 363—State Premium Savings Certificates

AN ACT to add new Section 27 to Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Comptroller," to follow immediately after Section 26A thereof and to be under the new subtitle "State Premium Savings Certificates," and to ~~add~~ ADD new Section 371A to Article 27 of the Code (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments,"