

these same requirements. The net result is a decisive competitive advantage for scheduled carriers. Furthermore, although I am in accord with the purpose of this bill as a measure to protect the consumer, I am advised that supplemental air carriers are already fully regulated by the Civil Aeronautics Board for the protection of the public.

Moreover, it is my belief that this bill should not apply to non-profit organizations. These organizations are not in the travel business and merely arrange charter flights for their members. To impose the licensing and bonding provisions of this bill on these organizations could possibly result in these organizations' abandoning their charter programs. If this should come about, many Maryland citizens who are members of non-profit organizations would be denied access to low-cost charter travel.

Finally, I am advised that presently about 400 supplemental air carrier charters per year, carrying 52,000 passengers, are operating from Friendship International Airport. I share the concern of the Maryland Secretary of Transportation that this legislation would shift supplemental air carriers from Friendship to non-Maryland airports. As a result, the revenue losses to the State would be significant.

For these reasons, I believe House Bill 419 must be vetoed.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

House Bill No. 447—Historic Societies in Garrett County

AN ACT to add new Section 9(31A) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall Be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 9(31) thereof, to exempt from ~~State, County and City~~ COUNTY taxation the property of certain non-profit ~~organizations~~ HISTORIC SOCIETIES in Garrett County under certain circumstances.

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 447.

This bill exempts from county but not from State taxation, real and personal property owned by non-profit historical societies in Garrett County. House Bill 37, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1972, exempts historical societies generally from State and County taxes. If House Bill 447 were to be signed, the effect would be to have historical societies exempt from both County and State property taxes everywhere but in Garrett County. In Garrett County the societies would be exempt from County taxation only. I do not believe that it would be fair or wise to make such a distinction to the detriment of historical