

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 697.

This bill permits cosmetology students in the Charles County public schools to accept employment in private beauty salons in Charles County. There is no requirement in the bill that such students shall have studied cosmetology for any particular length of time before accepting employment.

Senate Bill 138, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1972, permits cosmetology students in State public schools who have completed 1,000 hours of study in cosmetology, to accept employment in private beauty salons in the State. In essence, House Bill 697 creates an exception to the statewide application of Senate Bill 138, and the two bills are inconsistent.

Furthermore, the authority of the State Board of Cosmetologists has heretofore been statewide, and I am concerned that this bill will set a precedent to slowly erode the Board's statewide authority.

In view of the foregoing, I have decided to veto House Bill 697.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,
 Governor.

House Bill No. 736—Retirement Allowance in State Systems

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11A (e) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," and to repeal Section 14(7) of said Code, article, title and subtitle; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 195A(e) of Article 77 of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 17. Teachers' Retirement System," and to repeal Section 198(7) of said Code, article, title and subtitle; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 34A(e) and 53A(e) of Article 88B of said Code (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitles "Pensions" and "State Police Retirement System," and to repeal Sections 31A and 56(7) of said Code, article, title and subtitles; to amend the retirement laws of this State relating to cost of living benefits to retired members of the several retirement systems. GUARANTEE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE THREE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO A CERTAIN DATE, AND TO REPEAL PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THESE SYSTEMS.