

This bill amends the alcoholic beverages laws relating to the selling or delivering of alcoholic beverages on Sundays in Worcester County.

I have been informed by the sponsor of this bill that he intended to increase the penalties for anyone convicted of selling or delivering alcoholic beverages on Sundays in Worcester County. However, it is possible to construe this bill as completely prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County on Sundays. Since this was not the sponsor's intent, the sponsor has requested that the bill be vetoed.

Consequently, I have decided to veto House Bill 1440 at the request of the sponsor.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN MANDEL,  
Governor.

---

#### House Bill No. 1457—State Agency Budgets

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection 245(c) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Administrative Procedure Act," to prohibit the adoption or amendment of rules which increase expenditures beyond budgetary allowance by an agency without the approval of the General Assembly or its designee.

June 9, 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 1457.

This bill would preclude an executive agency from adopting or amending rules in such manner as to increase its expenditures beyond the agency's budgetary allowance without the approval of the General Assembly or its designee.

I fully appreciate and support the important role played by the General Assembly in our budgetary processes and share its concern over any departures from the budget enacted by it. We must all recognize, however, that State operations and programs, involving budgetary considerations, are becoming increasingly affected by actions of the Federal Government and by State and Federal court decisions over which the legislative and executive branches of the State Government have little or no control.

We have, in the past few years, seen too many examples of changes in federal laws or regulations requiring immediate amendments to State rules and regulations necessitating increased expenditures. Similarly, we have seen judicial decisions having the same effect. Unfortunately, these imposed changes often occur during a time of the year when the General Assembly is not in session.