

buildings located within the Sanitary District owned by Federal, state and other agencies that are exempt from front foot benefit charges, and to accomplish minor editorial corrections.

June 1, 1973.

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 399.

This bill authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to charge federal, state and other agencies, exempt from front foot sewerage assessments, a special rate in lieu of such assessments.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission provides sewerage to Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Front foot assessments are imposed on all properties connected to the sewerage system, except those owned by federal and state agencies. This assessment is to cover, inter alia, the Commission's depreciation expense on the entire system located in Maryland, including treatment plants, trunk lines, and accessory facilities.

Although serving only Prince George's and Montgomery counties, a substantial portion of the cost of constructing the Commission's facilities comes from the State through general obligation bonds. In light of such contributions, I do not believe that the State should be required to pay an additional assessment. Such payments would constitute, in effect, double payments for these facilities. Moreover, these payments would serve to provide extra benefits to two counties at the expense of the rest of the State, which I believe to be unfair.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 399.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 403 - Salaries of State Police

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 22(a) and 23(a) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (11969 Replacement Volume and 11972 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "Police and Civilian Employees," to change the salaries of police and civilian employees of the State police.

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