

Annapolis, Maryland, June 1, 1973.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker :

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 639.

This bill creates voluntary separation without reasonable expectation of reconciliation as a ground for a divorce a mensa et thoro.

Senate Bill 646, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 26, 1973, accomplishes the same purposes as House Bill 639.

Therefore, it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 639.

Sincerely,

MARVIN MANDEL,  
*Governor.*

*Read and journalized.*

House Bill No. 639—By Delegates Virts, Lee, McInerney, Robertson and Sklar:

An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 25 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Chancery," subtitle "Divorce and Annulment," to provide that voluntarily living separate and apart by husband and wife is cause for divorce a mensa et thoro.

*Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?*

*The Speaker announced the veto was sustained by roll call.*

Affirmative—None

Negative

Delegates—

Mr. Speaker, Briscoe, Mitchell, Athey, Sachs, Thomason, Burkhead, Fallon, Helms, Allen, A. T., Hagner, Weidemeyer, Rymer, Compton, Nimmerrichter, Arata, Dantoni, Malone, Alperstein, Needle, Rynd, Hopkins, Price, Stroble, Boozer, Latshaw, Linton, Hutchinson, Jones, Peters, Schirano, Einschütz, Heffner, Rush, Arnick, D'Anna, Minnick, Dize, Merryweather, Startt, Mackie, Dorman, Menes, Ross, Foley, Hull, King, Lombardi, Redding, Blumenthal, Donovan, Knoll, Miller, Rummage, Hickman, C. M., Hickman, R. O., Delphay, Hutton. Virts, Cox, Greer, Livezey, Scarff, Hargreaves, Bonvegna, Dabrowski, Dypski, Krysiak, Silk, Walters, Antonelli, Brown, Chester, Douglass, J. W., Heintz, McCarty, Raymond, Burns, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, O'Brien, Robey, Boswell, Brailey, Conaway, Dixon, Douglass, C. A., Randolph, Cardin, Dean, Howell, Resnick, Sklar, Webster, Avara, Baumann, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Hoffman, Wagaman, Glaser, Allen, W. M., Doolan, Levitan, Maddox, Robertson, Shore, Becker, Bell, Doctor, Maurer, Ruben, Zander, Owens, Wiser, Byrnes, Reed, Sloan, Williams, Beck, Matthews, Burgess, Nichols, Laws, Long, Bolden.

Total—131