

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 vetoed House Bill 1308.

This bill reschedules depressants (substances containing derivatives of barbituric acid) under Schedule II of the schedules contained in Article 27, Section 279 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. At the present time, the Code classifies these depressants in Schedule III.

I have been informed by the sponsor of this bill that he intended to conform the scheduling of barbituates in Maryland to an anticipated Federal rescheduling of these drugs. However it now appears that this Federal rescheduling may not take place. Since it was not the sponsor's desire to make the Maryland schedules more restrictive than their Federal counterparts, the sponsor has requested that the bill be vetoed.

Consequently, I have decided to veto House Bill 1308 at the request of the sponsor.

Sincerely,

MARVIN MANDEL,

*Governor.*

*Read and journalized.*

House Bill No. 1308—By Delegate Sklar :

An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 279(b) and (c) b. of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Health—Controlled Dangerous Substances," to re-schedule certain controlled dangerous substances and reletter and re-number certain items.

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

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

**Affirmative**

Delegate—  
Sloan.

Total—1

**Negative**

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., Delphey, Hutton, Virts, Cox, Greer, Livezey, Scarff, Hargreaves, Bonvegna, Dabrowski, Dypski, Krysiak, Silk, Walters Antonelli, Chester, Douglass, J. W., Heintz, McCarty, Raymond, Burns, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, O'Brien, Robey, Boswell, Conaway, Dixon, Douglass, C. A., Randolph, Abramson, Cardin, Dean, Howell, Resnick, Sklar, Webster, Avara, Baumann, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Grumbacher, Hoffman, Wagaman, Glaser, Allen, W. M., Doolan, Levitan, Maddox, Robertson, Shore, Becker, Bell, Docter, Koss, Maurer, Ruben, Zander, Owens, Wiser, Byrnes, Reed, Williams, Beck, Matthews, Burgess, Nichols, Laws, Long, Bolden.

Total—131