

the employment of persons under 21 years of age by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses in Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties.

Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1974, is a statewide comprehensive law lowering the legal age from 21 to 18 years for both the consumption and possession of beer and light wine and for employment in establishments serving these beverages. The purpose of Senate Bill 420 is thus achieved by the enactment and signing of Senate Bill 1.

In addition, the Attorney General has advised me that Senate Bill 420, while dealing with the same subject matter as Senate Bill 1, does so in terms not wholly consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 1, and that it is impossible to reconcile and give effect to the provisions of both bills. A copy of the Attorney General's Opinion is attached to this message and should be considered part of it.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 420.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

Letter from State Law Department on Senate Bill 420

April 30, 1974.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bills 1 and 420 and House Bill 855

Dear Governor Mandel:

We wish to advise you that we are approving for constitutionality and legal form and sufficiency the above referenced bills, passed at the recent session of the General Assembly. However, we wish to bring to your attention the apparent conflict among them.

Senate Bill 1 is a comprehensive enactment generally lowering the legal age for consumption, possession and