

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 855.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

Letter from State Law Department on House Bill 855.

April 30, 1974.

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

Re: Senate Bills 1 and 420 & 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 employment in establishments serving beer and light wines from 21 to 18 years. It amends numerous sections of the code dealing with this subject, including, inter alia, Sections 3A and 117 of Article 2B. House Bill 855 contains different amendments also pertaining to both Sections 3A and 117 of Article 2B, and Senate Bill 420 further purports to amend Section 117 of Article 2B. Inasmuch as all three of these bills contain amendments to the same sections of the Law, and deal with the same subject matter in terms not wholly consistent with each other, it appears to us that it would be impossible to reconcile and to give effect to the provisions of all three bills.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ Francis B. Burch  
Attorney General

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