

FOR the purpose of [[establishing in the District Court of each Judicial District of Maryland a Small Claims Division for the purpose of the informal settlement of claims for money not in excess of \$500, exclusive of interest and costs, and relating generally to the practice, procedures, rules, forms, hearings, fees, transfer of cases, and appeals with respect to small claims in the District Courts of Maryland]] requiring by a certain date that the Court of Appeals establish procedures in the District Court for the informal processing and trial of any cause of action under a certain amount; imposing certain duties on the Chief Judge of the District Court; providing for the filing and hearing of certain claims; requiring clerks of the District Court to render assistance in the preparation of a statement of claim when requested by the person filing the statement of claim; providing the clerk shall not be liable for assistance rendered; and providing for the rules of evidence and procedures in certain civil claim cases filed in the District Court of Maryland.

May 15, 1975.

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 214.

This bill is nearly an exact duplicate of House Bill 743, requiring the Court of Appeals to adopt rules establishing procedures for the processing of claims of \$500 or less in the District Court on an informal basis.

I have set forth in my Veto Message with respect to House Bill 743 by objections to the bill, as worded; and they are equally applicable to Senate Bill 214.

I support the objectives of the bill, and am confident that they will be attained within the general time-frame provided in the bill by the adoption of rules by the Court of Appeals.

For the reasons set forth in my Veto Message concerning House Bill 743, however, which are incorporated by reference in this Veto Message, I have vetoed Senate Bill 214.