May 15, 1975.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe 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 504.

This bill permits the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission to participate in certain proceedings before certain Federal agencies.

Senate Bill 345, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 22, 1975, accomplishes the same purpose as House Bill 504.

Therefore, it is unnecessary for me to sign House  $Bill\ 504.$ 

Sincerely, /s/ Marvin Mandel Governor

House Bill No. 535 - Off-duty Sheriffs Wearing Handguns

AN ACT concerning

## Handquns

FOR the purpose of permitting sheriffs and certain other officers to wear, carry, or transport handguns when they are not on active assignment[; permitting any constable, sheriff, or other officer or agent of a court engaged in the serving or other handling of civil process or other civil business of the court to wear, carry, or transport a handgun]] if they meet certain requirements; and clarifying the language.

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