

Smoking - Elevators

FOR the purpose of prohibiting smoking on public elevators; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to promulgate rules and regulations; and establishing penalties for violations.

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 707.

This bill prohibits the smoking of tobacco products in any elevator whose use is available to the general public.

Senate Bill 504, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 15, 1975, accomplishes the same purpose. In addition, while House Bill 707 provides that the proprietor of a building "shall prohibit the smoking of tobacco products" in public elevators, Senate Bill 504 takes what seems to be the wiser course by providing that the proprietor must "post a sign" informing the public that smoking in the elevator is illegal and subject to a monetary penalty.

The sponsor of House Bill 707 has also indicated to me that the language of Senate Bill 504, in his opinion, is more practical than that of House Bill 707.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 707.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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House Bill No. 743 - Small Claims in District Courts  
AN ACT concerning