

to conclude that the effect of the defective title is merely to require elimination of the deletion of St. Mary's County (line 120), then St. Mary's County would remain within Section 25(j), but the three substantive changes made to this section would then apply to St. Mary's County. Such a result would again be unconstitutional because the title precludes any substantive changes as to St. Mary's County. Accordingly, the entire amendment to Section 25(j) must fall.

We believe, however, that the unconstitutionality of one portion of House Bill 1621 does not affect the validity of the remainder of the Act. An act may be in part constitutional and in part unconstitutional. Somerset County v. Pocomoke Bridge Company, 109 Md. 1 (1908); Painter v. Mattfeldt, supra; Buckheit v. Buckheit, 10 Md. App. 526 (1970), cert. den. 261 Md. 723 (1971). The amendments to Section 25(j) which we have indicated are unconstitutional because of the effort to delete the reference to St. Mary's County are clearly severable from the balance of the bill.

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

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House Bill No. 1650 - Grace Period for Life Insurance Policies

AN ACT concerning

Life Insurance

FOR the purpose of providing that certain life insurance policies lapsing for a certain reason shall be reinstated and of full force and effect.

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 1650.