

to the interpretation of the bill and the practicality of its implementation on a day to day basis. Some of these are legitimate concerns and ought to be addressed again by the General Assembly.

I have been urged by proponents of the bill to sign it notwithstanding these problems, upon the assumption that the General Assembly will correct these deficiencies in its next session. Politically, it would be tempting for me to take that course of action. However, I believe my objections, as stated above, to be sincere and valid, and I must deal with the bill that is before me - not with revisions that may or may not be made to it in the future.

As I stated earlier in this Message, I support a greater measure of openness in government. I have today issued an Executive Order applicable to all administrative agencies in the Executive Branch of State Government over which I have jurisdiction instructing them to comply with the basic provisions of Senate Bill 289 insofar as notice, open meetings, and minutes are concerned, and I hope that the local governments will adopt similar requirements by ordinance or executive action. In addition, I will work with the General Assembly and interested groups to prepare a sensible bill for the next session. This bill, however, I cannot sign and still be consistent with my public responsibilities as Governor.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 289.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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Senate Bill No. 319 - Public Service Commission Law

AN ACT concerning

Corrective Bill - Public Service Commission

FOR the purpose of correcting a certain technical error in the laws relating to the Public Service Commission by the insertion of a dollar sign before the numerals "14,000" in Section 7 of Article 78 of the Code.

May 17, 1976.