effective July 1, 1976.

A related bill, House Bill 526, was also enacted by the General Assembly. It amends Section 114 of Article 56 to provide that all monies collected under the subtitle as license fees from the gross receipts from these events are to be credited to a special fund. But, at the end of the fiscal year, all unexpended funds revert to the general fund and are distributed to the subdivisions on a pro rata basis. House Bill 526 is effective June 1, 1976.

The amendment to House Bill 527 thus creates considerable confusion as to the disposition of all monies collected under the subtitle dealing with boxing and wrestling events, particularly when read in conjunction with House Bill 526.

I have no problem with legislation designed to equate the receipts from boxing and wrestling matches with those of other events subject to the local admissions taxes and would support such a measure. Because of the confusion rendered by the interaction of House Bill 526 and 527, however, caused primarily as noted because of the amendment to House Bill 527, I do not believe that this is the proper method to achieve that measure.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 527.

Sincerely, Marvin Mandel Governor

House Bill No. 538 - Employees of Soil Conservation Districts

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Employees of State Soil Conservation Committee

FOR the purpose of providing for employing and assigning employees to soil conservation districts; cooperating with local governments to assist districts; generally relating to appointment under the State merit system; and clarifying language.