

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 727.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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House Bill No. 764 - Truck Weighing Stations

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Weighing Stations

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain number of commercial motor vehicle measuring and weighing stations and providing the location of one of these stations.

May 17, 1976.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 764.

This bill requires the Maryland State Police to maintain at least five commercial vehicle measuring and weighing stations, at least one of which must be on Interstate 95. The intent and meaning of the bill is that these be fixed, permanent stations. The bill would become effective July 1, 1977. At the present time, as is pointed out in the preamble to the bill, there are three fixed weighing stations in operation, several others having been closed due to lack of truck traffic. The bill assumes that the two additional fixed stations can be built at a cost of \$500,000 and would produce annual revenues of \$2,225,000.

The primary purpose of House Bill 764 is to increase the efficiency in enforcing the State's truck weight and measure laws, the projected revenue being from fines imposed upon overweight and overlength trucks. I endorse that objective, but question whether the construction and operation of fixed weighing stations, mandated by the