

problems of operation."

House Bill 764 would commit the State to a program which at least some evidence to date indicates may be undesirable in advance of the desired legislative study. Since the bill would not become effective until July, 1977, in any event, I can see no great harm in allowing the General Assembly to proceed with its study, and to enact such legislation as the study indicates is appropriate.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 764.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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House Bill No. 935 - Kent County Boat Slip Tax

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Boat Slip Tax

FOR the purpose of [[empowering the Kent County Commissioner to enact a sales or use tax on boat slips or moorings]] authorizing Kent County to enact a sales or use tax on boat slips or moorings, subject to a limitation on the rate of tax imposed.

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 935.

This bill authorizes Kent County to enact a 10 percent tax on boat slip rentals. It has created a storm of protest from the boat owners in the State, to the point that the bill's sponsor has indicated his acquiescence in a veto. Since House Bill 935 is a local one, and in light of the many objections to it, the sponsor is willing to recede, I have decided to veto the bill.