

constitutional problems in light of Article 8 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights which requires that the three branches of government be separate and distinct from each other.

Because of the uncertainties raised by this constitutional question, the sponsors of House Bill 952 and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County have requested that I veto the bill.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 952.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 990 - Anne Arundel County
Taxes in Annapolis

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Annapolis Double Taxation

FOR the purpose of providing that Anne Arundel County may not impose taxation upon residents of the City of Annapolis for services which the City itself provides.

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 990.

This bill prohibits Anne Arundel County from imposing taxation upon residents of the City of Annapolis for services which the City itself provides.

The Attorney General has advised me that House Bill 990 is in contravention of Article XI-A, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution, the Home Rule Amendment for Charter counties. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney