

If the State were to exercise its option under this bill to provide health insurance benefits to volunteers, it would be important to know how many people, and what kinds of people, would have to be included. The fiscal note prepared on the bill shows no fiscal impact because the extension of the coverage is optional. However, the bill intends that such coverage be provided, and, without some clearer definition of who is, or would be, covered by it, the decision to extend coverage to one group of volunteers could well involve a large, unknown, and unintended financial obligation.

I have no objection to the purpose of the bill, but I think its wording must be made more precise in order to avoid a fiscal trap.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1186.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1196 - Property Tax Assessment
Hearings

AN ACT concerning

Real Property Assessments - Hearings on Protest

FOR the purpose of generally relating to assessment protest hearings; and clarifying language.

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 1196.

This bill authorizes the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to offer alternate dates and times for property tax assessment protest hearings and to hold common-time hearings by block or community where appropriate.