

of Public Local Laws of Maryland) establishes the Police Department of Baltimore City as an agency and instrumentality of the State. Therefore, House Bill 1219 (and the two earlier bills) would effectively permit a local subdivision to require that a State agency be subject to that subdivision's own, local collective bargaining ordinances.

In addition, the General Assembly has established grievance procedures for the Department (Section 16-12), thus recognizing that members of the Department have problems which are uniquely different from civilian personnel. And there are other provisions of Subtitle 16 which protect the rights of the members. There is no evidence to suggest that the rights of the members would be better protected by placement of the Department within the City's Municipal Employee Relations Law.

I have also pointed out, on other occasions, that placing the Department within the provisions of a collective bargaining act would best be considered if and when the General Assembly decides to enact a State-wide employee relations law covering all state agencies and instrumentalities.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 1219.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1220 - Baltimore City Police
Suspension Hearings

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Police Department

FOR the purpose of [[clarifying the appointment, duties, and responsibilities of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City; providing for a hearing in certain cases in a certain amount of time concerning members of the Baltimore City Police Department; and generally relating to the appointment and dismissal of the Commissioner and members of the Police Department of Baltimore City]] requiring an official hearing within a certain time with respect to certain suspended members of the Baltimore City