

Exchange is under a six month "purchase of service" contract with the Department, but, because of an insufficiency of federal and State funds, funding under Title XX for this program had to be cut in Fiscal Year 1977.

My principal objection to the bill is that it is meaningless. A requirement that the Secretary include particular funds in his proposed budget is of little or no consequence in terms of whether such funds will ever be appropriated, especially if the Secretary does not support the item. In this instance, the Secretary has recommended that the bill be vetoed.

However worthy this program may be, there are others that are equally worthy of consideration, each competing for scarce funds. The Department believes, with justification, that it would be poor public policy to legislate spending priorities in piecemeal fashion without the benefit of an overview of the entire Title XX program. If the intent of this bill were to be carried out, it would simply mean that some other program or service, which may be more important, would suffer.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1875.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1917 - State Debt for Maryland State
Fair

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Maryland State Fair

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$5,000,000, the proceeds to be used for improvements to the fair ground facilities of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. at Timonium [[,and]]; providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing such loan; and providing that no part of the proceeds or assets shall ever be distributed among or inure to the benefit of the shareholders of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.

May 17, 1976.