

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 1956.

This bill provides that the Charles County Board of Education may not own more than four school buses. At the present time, Charles County, among with seven others, is permitted to own ten buses, although by choice, the county has limited its buses to four, and has contracted for the balance of its needs.

I am advised that the county board of education foresees the need in the near future for three or four small vehicles to provide transportation in connection with its expanding special education program. It anticipates that existing contractors may not be able to operate these particular runs profitably, and may therefore not bid on them. Thus, the Board may, of necessity, have to purchase and operate these special vehicles. Moreover, the Board, with justification, desires to have some flexibility to add a few buses if, in the interests of the people of Charles County, the circumstances might make that desirable. To limit the county, by law, to only four buses would unnecessarily restrict the ability of the Board to provide a balance and efficient school transportation system.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1956.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1978 - Sale of Food Stamps

AN ACT concerning

Food Stamps

FOR the purpose of requiring sellers of food stamps to keep certain records and requiring certain identification from certain people to whom they sell or distribute food stamps; [[providing penalties;]] providing that certain records be sent to certain