

of the Executive to determine the appropriate AFDC grant level for fiscal years 1979 to 1982. Without such flexibility, fluctuations in general fund revenue cannot be considered. I believe that grant levels should be structured within the parameters of the most recent revenue estimates, rather than being tied to a statutory schedule of benefits which makes no allowance for possible depressed revenue estimates.

Finally, it is relevant that the Carter Administration will be proposing a massive reform of the welfare system which may include a federal preemption of the entire system. Whether such a proposal actually includes national standards for the welfare system or national funding of the entire system, or both, I believe that the State, in light of the fiscal implications of Senate Bill 715, should await the decisions of the President and the Congress.

For these reasons, and at the request of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 715.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Mandel  
Governor

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Senate Bill No. 751 - Natural Resources - Terrapin

AN ACT concerning

Terrapin

FCR the purpose of prohibiting a closed season for the catching of terrapin in the State; allowing the keeping of terrapin; generally relating to terrapin; and clarifying language.

May 26, 1977

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 751.