

from \$1,000 to \$5,000, whereas House Bill 716 totally repeals the current dollar limitation. I believe that there should be a maximum dollar limit in these cases of parental restitution, rather than having an openended liability.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 716.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 734 - Firefighters - Hours of Work
AN ACT concerning

Hours of Work for Firefighters

FOR the purpose of providing for a maximum number of hours state employed firefighters may be required to work.

May 26, 1977

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 734.

This bill provides that a state employed firefighter may not be required to work more than 48 hours per week while maintaining a 24-hour shift.

The only state employed firefighters at the present time are the 45 members of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport Fire/Rescue Service. The present average work week for these firefighters is 56 hours. Since the purchase of the airport by the State, the Aviation Administration has permitted the firefighters to remain on a 56-hour week while working 24-hour shifts.

This nonstandard arrangement was approved by the Administration and the Department of Personnel for