

House Bill No. 1677 - Calvert County - Local Laws

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County - Clarification of Local Laws

FOR the purpose of striking obsolete and redundant sections of the Calvert County Code of Public Local Laws; clarifying language; renumbering as appropriate; ~~making certain age requirements consistent with State policy~~ transferring certain provisions of the Calvert County Code of Public Local Laws to the Public General Laws; making the Calvert County Code of Public Local Laws more clear and readable; and generally relating to a certain conciseness, clarity and contemporary approach to that Code.

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 1677.

This bill recodifies the public local law of Calvert County, by deleting certain obsolete and redundant provisions and revising certain other provisions.

Among the provisions this bill repeals and reenacts are four sections relating to operation of slot machines.

Before enactment of the state-wide prohibition on slot machines, the Calvert County provisions had prescribed licensure requirements for persons who desired to operate slot machines. In Clerk of Circuit Court v. Chesapeake Beach Park, Inc., 251 Md. 657, 248 A. 2d. 479 (1968), the Court of Appeals held that these local provisions were superceded, to the extent of any inconsistency, by the later enacted prohibition.

This bill, by reenactment of the local provisions, raises the converse possibility of the local provisions superceding the general prohibition and thereby authorizing licensure of slot machines. The Attorney General has advised me that this interpretation of the bill cannot be discounted absolutely. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.