

disqualified for agricultural use assessment, which has been assessed for agricultural use.

May 29, 1978

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 680.

This bill generally revises the procedures relating to the development of land which has been assessed on the basis of agricultural use, and creates in certain cases a lien on the land.

The Attorney General has advised me that Senate Bill 680 is unconstitutional because those provisions of the bill which create a lien on certain lands without affording the owners an opportunity to be heard are in violation of the due process clause of Article 23 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For this reason, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 680.

Sincerely,  
Blair Lee III  
Acting Governor

Letter from State Law Department on Senate Bill No. 680

Honorable Blair Lee, III  
Acting Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 680

Dear Governor Lee:

We have reviewed Senate Bill 680 and it is our opinion that the bill is unconstitutional because it provides for the creation of a lien on certain lands without affording the owners an opportunity to be heard as required by the due process clause of Article 23 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.