

"... a law applicable to the incorporation, organization, or government of a Code County and contained in the County's Code of Public Local Laws;...."

Although Senate Bill 977 would amend Article 25 of the Annotated Code, and thus not literally run afoul of Section 4's prohibition, we are of the opinion that Section 3 was intended to and does prohibit the General Assembly from enacting laws which are applicable to a single code county and are local in substance, even if codified in the Code of Public General Laws. See, 62 Opinions of the Attorney General (December 22, 1977).

In sum, we are of the opinion that Kent County, having adopted Code Home Rule under the provisions of Article XI-F of the Constitution, has the exclusive authority to enact a local law on this subject of local concern.

Very truly yours,
Francis Bill Burch
Attorney General

Senate Bill No. 990 - Critical State Park Take-Line Land
AN ACT concerning

Critical State Park Take-Line Land

FOR the purpose of protecting certain land within State park and forest take-lines from sudden change in land use unfavorable to future optimal State park and forest use; and providing for the approval and amendment of proposed boundaries of State parks and forests.

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 990.

This bill seeks to protect certain lands within State park and forest "take-lines" from sudden changes in land use.