

providing for the issuing of citations for municipal infractions; providing a maximum fine for municipal infractions; permitting a person cited for a municipal infraction to be tried in the District Court, and granting jurisdiction to the District Court in certain matters regarding municipal infractions; providing certain court procedure to be followed in trial and appeal of municipal infraction cases; deeming a municipal infraction to be a civil and not a criminal offense; establishing a standard for guilt; providing for the payment of court costs; clarifying language; and generally relating to municipal infractions.

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 1043.

This bill authorizes a municipality to classify the violation of certain ordinances as "municipal infractions".

House Bill 1735, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 16, 1978, accomplishes the same purpose. In addition, House Bill 1735 was amended to exclude certain language contained in the Senate Bill regarding the burden of proof which a municipality is required to meet in order to establish a municipal infraction. I believe that the House Bill, in its final form, is preferable in this regard.

Since the purpose of Senate Bill 1043 is accomplished by the enactment and signing of House Bill 1735, it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 1043.

Sincerely,  
Blair Lee III  
Acting Governor

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Senate Bill No. 1049 - Chronically Ill Patients -  
Nursing Care

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