

It is clear that the General Assembly intended to restructure the Kent County Liquor Control Board, and I have no objection to the changes made by this bill for that Board. The Legislature may have intended also to change the provisions for the other counties. With properly drafted legislation, these purposes may be accomplished during the next session of the General Assembly.

For these reasons I have decided to veto Senate Bill 1181.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

Letter from State Law Department on Senate Bill No. 1181

May 23, 1978

Honorable Blair Lee, III
Acting Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 1181

Dear Governor Lee:

We have reviewed Senate Bill 1181 and in so doing, have noted a defect in its title. According to its title, the bill relates only to "Kent County - Liquor Control Board" and has as its only stated purpose the enactment of several changes in the law with respect to the appointment and compensation of members of the Kent County Liquor Control Board and their legal advisor. The bill attempts to accomplish these purposes in part by: (1) repealing Article 2B, Section 159(c) and adding a new Section 159(c) in its place; (2) repealing and reenacting Section 159(h) (3); and (3) repealing and reenacting Section 167(a). Unfortunately, Section 159(c) contains special substantive provisions with respect to liquor control boards of four counties in addition to Kent, viz., Somerset, Harford, Garrett and Montgomery, and Senate Bill 1181 makes substantive changes as to all of these counties except Garrett County, viz.,

1. Somerset County - under present law, board members are appointed by the Governor. Senate Bill 1181 provides for appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate (lines 139-140 1/2).