

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 135.

This bill permits municipalities in Charles and St. Mary's Counties to contract directly with the Maryland State Police for certain services in those counties.

Senate Bill 355, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 16, 1978, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 135.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

House Bill No. 163 - Vehicle Laws - Surety Bonds

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Surety Bonds

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of surety ~~bonds~~
bond required to be filed with the Motor Vehicle
Administration as a condition of licensing for certain
~~automobile vehicle~~ dealers and salesmen.

May 29, 1978

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 163.

This bill increases the amount of a surety bond required to be filed with the Motor Vehicle Administration as a condition of licensing for dealers of certain vehicles.

I am concerned about the increases provided by this bill because of the events occurring in the State of Pennsylvania when a law similar to this bill was enacted. That state increased its bonding requirement from \$5,000 to \$25,000. However, it was discovered that the increase would