

This bill provides for use of fees collected in lieu of dedication of land to develop or improve land or recreational facilities and to purchase open space in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Senate Bill 659, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1978, accomplishes the same purpose.

In addition, the Attorney General has advised me that the title of House Bill 751 may be misleading and has therefore recommended the signing of Senate Bill 659. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 751.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

Letter from State Law Department on House Bill No. 751

May 4, 1978

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

Re: House Bill 751 and Senate Bill 659

Dear Governor Lee:

Senate Bill 659 and House Bill 751 are similar measures permitting fees collected in lieu of dedication of land to be used to develop or improve land or recreational facilities in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The two bills differ in the following respects: (1) Senate Bill 659 includes a title provision permitting the fees to be used to purchase open space under certain conditions, while House Bill 751 does not; both bills so provide in their bodies; (2) the phrase "AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT IF THE SUBDIVISION IS IN A MUNICIPALITY" has been inadvertently repeated in Senate Bill 659 (lines 123 and 128) while it occurs (correctly) but once in House Bill 751 (line 120); (3) the word "THE" in the unnumbered line following line 130 in Senate Bill 659 is substituted for by the word "AND" in House Bill 751 (unnumbered line following line 122); and (4) the comma in line 117 of Senate Bill 659 is substituted for by a semicolon in House Bill 751 (line 114). These