

In summary, the current post-conviction process represents a legitimate right of review for each person convicted of a crime. House Bill 1476, however, expands the scope of this right in a manner that may affect adversely the rights of others charged with a criminal offense, which rights include the right to a speedy trial and to adequate representation. It will certainly further burden an already overtaxed criminal justice system. I believe that the intention of the sponsors of this bill was to remedy a specific type of situation. However, in applying the remedy afforded by House Bill 1476, the State may find that the operation of the criminal justice system and the rights of other persons will suffer. The consequences which the bill may have upon the criminal justice system, in my judgment, outweigh the merits of its intended limited application, and I believe that it would be irresponsible for me to ignore the potential consequences.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 1476.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

House Bill No. 1477 - Regulatory Boards - Consumer
Representatives

AN ACT concerning

Regulatory Boards - Consumer Representatives

FOR the purpose of providing that certain boards have consumer representatives as board members; providing for appointment of the members and the terms of the membership; setting forth the rights and duties of the members; ~~excluding certain boards and a commission; excluding certain boards, commissions, or councils from application of this law;~~ defining certain terms; and generally relating to consumer representatives.

May 29, 1978

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker: