

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 292

AN ACT concerning

Tax Exemptions - Raw Materials Manufactured Products

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the exemption of certain raw materials and manufactured products from city and county taxation applies to materials and products in the possession of a manufacturer actually engaged in the business of manufacturing in the subdivision where the exemption is sought.

May 29, 1979

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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 292.

This departmental bill would confirm a departmental interpretation of present law under which counties presently tax stored manufactured products and raw materials if not actually manufactured or used in the process of manufacturing in the county in which they are stored. I understand that this interpretation presently is the subject of litigation.

Economic development is a matter which directly affects quality of life of all Marylanders and I have made it clear that I will seek ways to enhance the best climate in our State for the benefit of all of our people.

The enactment of this bill would foster parochial attitudes between our counties which would be inconsistent with my commitment to establish a unified, statewide atmosphere conducive to economic development. Therefore, without expressing any view on the merit of the department's construction of the present statute, I do not wish to further confirm that interpretation; indeed, should the