

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from issuing a permit for a landfill to be located in Anne Arundel County unless the county certifies that the proposed landfill complies with all county ordinances regulating the establishment of landfills.

I understand and appreciate the concern of the sponsors of this legislation for the health and well-being of the citizens of Anne Arundel County; however, there currently is a critical shortage of available landfill sites for industrial waste disposal within the State. The sanitary landfill permit requirements developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Natural Resources are designed to protect public health and the environment of all the citizens of Maryland while avoiding the parochialism which could inhibit a local government's objectivity.

Although offered as wholly local legislation, this measure has significant state-wide implications. Its approval could severely compromise state-wide waste management programs and adversely impact the ability of some jurisdictions to dispose of solid waste in a timely safe manner.

Consequently, while instructing the Department to review and report to me of the effectiveness of sanitary landfill regulations and procedures, especially in Anne Arundel County, I have decided to veto House Bill 896.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 900

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

FOR the purpose of providing that the definition of "industrial building" or "buildings," as used with regard to "Industrial Buildings for Counties and Municipalities," includes planned theme parks and ancillary facilities used and operated in Anne Arundel County; and making clarifying amendments to such definition with respect to theme parks and ancillary facilities.