

with Section 223(a)(13) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, as amended, and could jeopardize Maryland's participation in the Act." May 8, 1979 Memorandum from Terrance S. Donahue and David Wood, Juvenile Justice Specialists, FGTAD, through James E. Gould, Acting Director, FGTAD to David D. West, Acting Associate Administrator (QJJD).

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- 2/ The Attorney General has advised me that he entertains real doubts about the measure's ability to withstand constitutional attack under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Similarly, the State Court Administrator has informed me that the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judge of the District Courts and the Chairman of the Judicial Conference are deeply concerned about the equal protection implications of this bill and urge the most careful review of its constitutionality.
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House Bill No. 1288

AN ACT concerning

Conversion - Leased or Rented Goods

FOR the purpose of providing that certain persons who receive physical possession of certain property under certain written documents for certain purposes and who fraudulently convert the property, are guilty of a misdemeanor and providing penalties thereof; providing that the failure to return the property is prima facie evidence of intent to fraudulently convert and providing for exceptions thereof; and generally relating to conversion of leased or rented goods.

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 1288.