

Senate Bill No. 1078

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Pawnbrokers

FOR the purpose of requiring individuals to obtain a license from the Harford County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, prior to doing business as a pawnbroker; requiring each licensed pawnbroker to file certain reports with the Harford County Sheriff's department; requiring each licensed pawnbroker to keep certain records and use certain forms; providing a penalty for violations of this Act; and relating generally to pawnbrokers in Harford County.

May 27, 1980

Honorable James Clark, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 1078.

The bill repeals the Public Local Laws of Harford County regarding the licensing and reporting obligations of pawnbrokers and adds new provisions to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The only substantive difference between the local law repealed and new provisions added to the Annotated Code is that the new provisions of Article 56 contain a penalty provision.

The Attorney General has advised me that this bill violates Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, which provides chartered counties with the exclusive power to enact local laws on any subject covered by the Express Powers Act, under Article 25A of the Maryland Annotated Code. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For the reason stated, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 1078.

Sincerely,

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