

Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 897.

This measure was prompted by the growing and legitimate concern of Maryland communities regarding the safety of railroad tracks. According to its sponsor and the testimony offered at an executive hearing, the bill's sole purpose was to enable the people of Maryland to have access to track safety reports and to learn what steps are being taken to remedy the defects which such reports reveal.

Unfortunately, the bill as enacted appears to go beyond its legitimate purpose and inadvertently to require a certification which no railroad could ever make in good faith, viz., that all of its tracks meet the standards of the Federal Railroad Administration at any given point.

Fortunately, Senate Bill 730, which I have signed today, vests in the Commissioner of Labor and Industry ample authority to require by rule and regulation that which House Bill 897 was intended to require.

For this reason, I have decided to veto House Bill 897.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 944

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Industrial Development
Financing Authority (MIDFA) - Corrective

FOR the purpose of correcting the effect of a defect in the title of Chapter 496 of the Laws of Maryland of 1979, so that an industrial project applicant has the option of becoming the mortgagor in any MIDFA loan where a municipality, as well as a county, is the borrower, and so that a municipality, as well as a county, is authorized to lend the proceeds of any such loan to the industrial project applicant; declaring this Act to be an emergency measure; and making this Act void and of no effect upon the enactment of certain legislation.

May 27, 1980

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
