

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ONE OR TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1982~~ 1984.

May 19, 1981

The 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, today I have vetoed House Bill 1107.

This bill, as introduced, would have imposed a length requirement on any elevator located in a new building in which an elevator was included in the building plans. Specifically, the language in the bill as introduced stated that "if an initial construction permit is sought and at least one elevator is planned in a building, an elevator that can accommodate a horizontally carried and positioned 6 foot 8 inch rescue litter shall be installed in the building."

As amended, however, the bill provides specifically that "any new building constructed after July 1, 1984 shall have an elevator that can accommodate a horizontally carried and positioned 6 foot 8 inch rescue litter." One or two family dwellings are exempted from this requirement.

Although common sense might indicate that the provisions of House Bill 1107 were intended to apply only to those buildings in which construction of an elevator was planned, the fact remains that enactment of this bill in this present form would require an elevator to be installed in any building, regardless of its intended use (except for one and two family dwellings). If this bill were law it would create a considerable amount of confusion for any individual, corporation, business or government attempting to ascertain, through a reading of the statute, the law governing the area.

Since House Bill 1107 does not become effective until July 1, 1984, legislation which clearly reflects the sponsors' intention can be acted upon during the 1982 session and the Departments of General Services, Licensing and Regulation, and the Fire Marshal's Office will be available to provide any necessary assistance.

For this reason I have decided to veto House Bill 1107.