

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

June 1, 1982

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, I have today vetoed House Bill 1890.

This bill provides that a person may not possess a short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun in Maryland except when the shotgun or rifle has been registered with the United States government in accordance with United States statutes or is engaged in certain law enforcement functions.

Senate Bill 57, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1890.

Sincerely,
 Harry Hughes
 Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

House Bill No. 1890

AN ACT concerning

Firearms - Short-Barreled Rifles and Short-Barreled Shotguns

~~FOR--the--purpose--of--amending--the--law--relating--to
 short-barreled--rifles--and--short-barreled--shotguns--to
 provide--that--a--person--may--not--possess--such--firearms--and
 that--certain--provisions--of--law--may--not--prevent
 possession--of--such--firearms--if--they--have--been
 registered--with--the--United--States--government--in
 accordance--with--United--States--statutes-~~

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition on the possession of short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns; providing exceptions for certain persons and for certain short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns which have been registered in a certain manner; and allocating the burden of proving a certain fact to a certain party in a certain prosecution.