

LOCAL OR PUBLIC GENERAL LAW THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED.
The Secretary, upon the sale of any part of the land secured by a loan agreement and prepayment of principal as provided in this subtitle, shall execute a partial release of such land from the lien of the loan agreement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg
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 378.

This bill would permit collective bargaining in the areas of compensation, hours of work, working conditions, and employee benefits for the members of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) Fire and Rescue Squad Service.

I am troubled by the precedential effect of extending special bargaining status to one particular segment of the State work force and the consequential alteration of fundamental State employee labor relations in a fragmented manner. But that is not my primary reason for vetoing this bill. Simply stated, there exists no compelling reason for granting special collective bargaining status to the BWI fire fighters.

In proper recognition of their contribution to State aviation safety, the BWI fire fighters have been treated fairly and adequately under the present system of "meeting and conferring" on wages and working conditions prior to budget submission and through legislative initiatives to increase benefits. During 1982 alone, the fire fighters received a 17% pay raise, a 7% work-week reduction (without a pay reduction),