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Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 949

Dear Governor Hughes:

We have reviewed and hereby approve for constitutionality and legal sufficiency House Bill 949 which requires the Veterans Commission to provide without charge grave liners for the plots in its cemeteries. The bill limits the cost to \$55.

As the enclosed letter from Assistant Attorney General Linda Lamone to F. Carvel Payne indicates, there is a question of whether the conference committee report which was adopted by the respective Houses adds an inflation factor to the limitation on cost. While the report is subject to interpretation, we continue to think that the Legislature adequately manifested an intent that this bill include an inflation factor. However, there is no legal objection to signing the bill as it has been printed.

Very truly yours,
Stephen H. Sachs
Attorney General

April 25, 1985

F. Carvel Payne, Director
Department of Legislative Reference
Legislative Services Building
90 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: House Bill 949

Dear Mr. Payne:

This is in response to your request for advice of counsel concerning House Bill 949. Specifically, you have asked (1) whether the bill should be printed and presented to the Governor for his consideration and (2) if so, in what forms should the bill be printed. For the following reasons, it is my view that the bill may be printed and presented to the Governor in the manner described below.

The journal entries of the House of Delegates and the Senate show the following:

1. The bill was introduced on January 31, 1985. It passed the House on third reading on March 22, 1985, and was referred by the President to the Senate Finance Committee on the same day.