

For each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995 only, no more than an annual amount not to exceed \$3.5 million of the funds within the Underground Storage Tank Upgrade and Replacement Fund shall be transferred to the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund to be utilized for the cleanup of sites contaminated by oil from underground storage tanks consistent with this Act purposes of § 4-704(b) of the Environment Article, as enacted by this Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. To protect the health and welfare of Maryland citizens, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the allocation of these funds be made available as expeditiously as possible. In addition, the allocation of funds shall be made by the Department of the Environment in the most fair and equitable manner feasible, giving due regard to the environmental benefits to be realized from cleanup of sites of different scope, and the number of the sites which shall require cleanup by various owners and operators.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1993.

May 27, 1993

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1418.

House Bill 1418 adds Caroline County and Prince George's County to those jurisdictions in which certain sexual displays are prohibited in places where alcoholic beverages are served. If a violation occurs in Caroline County, the Board of License Commissioners has the discretion to decide whether or not to revoke an alcoholic beverage license. If a violation occurs in Prince George's County, revocation of the license is mandatory.

Delegate Pauline Menes, as Chair of the Prince George's Delegation, has requested a veto because the process by which the Prince George's County restrictions were amended into the bill violated procedures established by the Delegation for approving local legislation.

House Bill 1418 was introduced in the General Assembly as a Caroline County bill. However, the bill was amended on the Senate floor, adding restrictions covering Prince George's County facilities. This apparently violates Prince George's County's procedures governing local legislation, which include holding a public hearing to determine whether Prince George's County residents approve of the legislation. Before the full House voted to concur with the Senate amendments, the Prince George's County Delegation voted among themselves to determine whether to seek County residents' approval by holding a public hearing on the bill, or simply reject the bill outright. The Delegation members voted against holding a public hearing and, "thereby signified that the house delegation did not want the bill acted upon during the 1993 session." (Veto request by Delegate