

(II) FOR FISCAL YEARS 1996 AND 1997 ONLY, THE STATE SHARE DISTRIBUTED TO A BOARD FOR A FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT BE LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE STATE SHARE, EXCLUDING CHALLENGE GRANTS, DISTRIBUTED TO THAT BOARD IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the end of June 30, 1996, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

May 24, 1995

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 899.

This bill permits a person to possess or transport a slot machine for the purpose of sale or demonstration if the person is operating under a distributorship contract with a manufacturer, is registered with the federal Department of Justice as a slot machine distributor, and provides a copy of the federal registration to the State Police.

Senate Bill 247, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 18, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 899.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 899**

AN ACT concerning

**Slot Machines - Possession and Transportation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to take delivery of, possess, or transport slot machines under certain circumstances; providing for a criminal penalty; and generally relating to the possession and transportation of slot machines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 264B  
Annotated Code of Maryland