

Grumbacher, Hoffman, Huyett, Spence, Tingle, Anderson, Blondes, Bresler, Cook (E. P.), Doing, Gore, McAuliffe, McInerney, Miller, Moore, Beall, Cook (N. S.), Evans, Reed, See, Williams, Dulany, Hale, Hanna, Warfield, Long (J. J.), Lowe (H. W.), White, Bray, Glotfelty, Groves. Total—120

*The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.*

### House Bill No. 1204—Baltimore County Sheriff

AN ACT to add new Section 32 (g) to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration-Registration-Titling," to follow immediately after Section 32 (f) thereof, providing for the issuance of special motor vehicle registration plates for members of the Sheriff's Office of Baltimore County.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 4, 1965.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill 1204 and, in accordance with our constitutional provisions, I am returning the same to you along with my veto message.

The bill provides for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the private automobiles of the sheriff of Baltimore County and his deputies. In addition to this, it provides that the letters and numerals on the registration plate shall not be less than three inches high and in strokes of not less than one quarter of an inch in width. It also provides that the plate is to have an inscription designating the owner's official office by letters and numerals in lieu of the numerals required to be displayed on privately owned vehicles under the present law.

It is my feeling that to write this bill into law would bring about an unwieldy and unworkable situation.

To comply with the size requirements of the letters and numerals as stated in the bill would require the registration plate to be of much greater size than would be displayed on other privately and publicly owned vehicles. To print the word "sheriff" would require a plate twelve inches long and to add "Baltimore County" would increase its width to twelve inches. To follow through with this same formula, the words "deputy sheriff" would require a plate twelve inches by eighteen inches.

If this type of registration were pursued throughout the State, it would require the issuance of several hundred special oversized tags. This is true since there are many persons designated as deputy sheriffs throughout the State and, in fact, many of the county sheriffs appoint deputies who have no real official duties but are appointed,