

For this reason, and because the measure might encourage similar action by other counties, without the benefit of any State-wide criteria on which to base the action, I am compelled to veto the bill.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

House Bill No. 679—Concealed Weapons

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection 36(a) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Concealed Weapons," to change the penalties for the carrying or wearing of concealed weapons in this State.

May 4, 1967.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 679 and am returning it to you.

This bill would change the penalties for the carrying or wearing of concealed weapons within this State. I am informed by the Attorney General that the bill is lacking in form and legal sufficiency. For the reasons given in the attached copy of his opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I am compelled to veto the measure.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on H. B. 679

April 11, 1967

The Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Agnew:

At your request, I have examined House Bill 679 and am of the opinion that it fails to meet minimum constitutional requirements for the following reasons:

The Bill is an Act which purports to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection 36 (a) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to change the penalties for the carrying or wearing of