

ment) (1967 SUPPLEMENT), title "Merit System," reducing the probationary period of classified State employees, and to correct an error therein.

May 7, 1968.

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 765 and am returning it to you.

This bill would reduce the probationary period for certain State employees from six months to ninety days. Several of the heads of some of the larger Executive departments have contacted my office to express their opposition to the measure. The Commissioner of Personnel informs me that he does not "oppose" the bill, but points out that the Personnel Advisory Council recommends that the present period be retained. Since this controversy exists and because this is only one aspect of the larger problem of employees' relations with the Government, the bill should be studied further before it becomes law.

I am asking the Task Force on Government Employees' Labor Relations to consider this question along with the others presented to them. Changes such as the one proposed in this bill can be better assessed after a long, hard look at the entire area in order to avoid piecemeal approaches which do not fit well into the final overall solution.

Sincerely,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

*Governor.*

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### House Bill No. 770—Dump Trucks

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 81 (f) (2) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles" subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling" to remove the provisions from the Article on "Motor Vehicles" that a vehicle registered for "dump service" plates be subject to all restrictions of said Article if such vehicle is being operated for the hauling of loose materials in bulk beyond a radius of forty (40) miles or for the hauling of materials other than loose materials in bulk, RELATING TO THE SPEED OF SUCH VEHICLES.