

Adams (F. B.), Antonelli, Cassady, Chester, Holub, Orlinsky, Sarbanes, Burns, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, McQuade, Mooney, O'Brien, Abramson, Brailey, Dixon, Douglass, Epstein, Lee, Randolph, Abrams, Cardin, Friedman, Resnick, Spector, Waxter, Avara, Baumann, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Donaldson, Grumbacher, Hoffman, Wright, Clarke, Cronin, Lady, Scott, Whalen, Whitney, Becker, Bell, Blondes, Cook (E. P.), Crawford, Zander, Wisner, Cook (N. S.), Evans, Reed, Williams, Matthews (R. C.), Yingling, Warfield, Long, White, Aiken.
Total—135

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Annapolis, Md., May 7, 1968.

The 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 today vetoed House Bill 714 and am returning it to you.

This bill, among other things, requires that all general contractors and subcontractors performing work in the State shall be licensed by the Comptroller's Office prior to having the right to submit a bid on a State contract. We are advised that this bill is in contravention of Federal regulations. If it is signed, it could impair all Federal aid highway funds the State of Maryland receives from the Federal Government.

I am attaching copies of letters signed by Mr. Richard Ackroyd, Division Engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. Howard A. Heffron, Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration, which state that this bill is directly contrary to the provisions of regulations adopted by the Federal Government relating to highways. Please consider the attached letters as part of this message.

I am compelled to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/ Spiro T. Agnew,

Governor.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Washington, D.C., May 6, 1968.

Mr. Robert Montgomery, Jr.
Governor's Office
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

You have asked this Office to comment on the provisions of subparagraph 270(r) under section 1 of Maryland House Bill No. 714 on the licensing of contractors.