

taxation for certain persons by reason of certain disability.

May 17, 1976.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 143.

This bill amends Section 12F-3 of Article 81 to authorize the counties and Baltimore City to grant a local real property tax credit to certain homeowners who receive permanent and total disability benefits under any federal, State, or other public agency retirement system. Present Section 12F-3 authorizes the credit only for those receiving such benefits under the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act.

House Bill 1898, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 17, 1976, provides most of the relief provided for in House Bill 143 by expanding the existing "circuit breaker" credit to these disabled persons and repealing the various local credits, except on a "save harmless" basis. This expansion of the circuit breaker program includes the repeal of Section 12F-3 of Article 81.

Because of the inconsistency between these two bills with respect to Section 12F-3, and because House Bill 1898 is a comprehensive treatment of the program of property tax relief for the elderly and the disabled, I have decided to veto House Bill 143.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 304 - Raccoons and Opossums
AN ACT concerning
Raccoons and Opossums