

intention to withdraw from the program, thereby reducing the available outlets for the sale of the stamps. This could only serve to inconvenience the people in the program.

In addition, there is some question as to whether the requirements of House Bill 1978 are consistent with the overriding federal statute and regulations. To the extent that they may be construed as placing additional restrictions on the issuance of food stamps, these requirements would be invalid unless approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Finally, I am advised by the Department of Human Resources that the Congress is currently considering legislation that would restructure the food stamp program with respect to record keeping and reporting by vendors.

In light of all of this, I do not believe that the State should become further involved in the administration of the program at this time. This bill may well result, not only in confusing and conflicting regulations, but in considerable inconvenience to those selling and receiving food stamps.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 1978.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 2080 - Expungement of
Criminal Records

AN ACT concerning

Expungement of Criminal Records -
Probation before Judgment

FOR the purpose of providing for expungement of police and court records in certain circumstances in criminal cases where a judgment of probation [[before]] on stay of entry of judgment is entered.

May 17, 1976.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House