

under Public Law 87-27, adopted a State air pollution law, and established the Maryland Commission on Physical Fitness.

A controversial issue during the session was the abolition of slot machines, legalized by local laws in four counties of the State. An act was passed which eliminates the machines over a period of five years.

A significant fiscal proposal was the establishment of a uniform fiscal year for the State and the subdivisions. Some subdivisions formerly used the calendar fiscal year, while the State and others use the July 1 fiscal year. The bill adopted requires conformity by 1966 to the July 1 fiscal year. This will require adjustment in taxable years in several counties and cities in the State.

The 1961 act redrawing the boundaries of the Congressional Districts of the State to include the Eighth District authorized by the 1960 Census had been petitioned to a referendum and was defeated by the voters at the 1962 general election. A new Congressional redistricting act was passed at the 1963 session.

One controversial bill which failed to pass at the session was the retail credit accounts bill, amending the 1941 Maryland retail installment sales act and regulating so-called "revolving credit" or installment sales where the seller does not retain title to the goods as security for payment. Another subject on which no action was taken was a bill to establish a State-owned system of inspection of motor vehicles.

A budget totaling \$605,676,710 was proposed by the Governor and passed by the General Assembly. The budget appropriated \$299,385,487 in general funds, \$200,133,226 in special funds and \$106,157,997 in federal funds. The 1963 session also authorized the issuance of \$27,576,000 in State bonds to finance the construction of buildings for the State.

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