

House Bill No. 282—Purchases by Public Agencies

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 34 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement," subtitle "Purchasing Bureau," amending the law BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS concerning purchases for and the purchasing program of certain departments, boards, commission, offices, courts, bureaus or other agencies of the State Government, . in order to provide that nothing in this section applies to or affects the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections, the several offices of State's Attorneys and the Circuit Courts in the counties and the Supreme Bench in Baltimore City.

April 7, 1964

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker :

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 282 and I am returning this Bill to you along with my veto message.

At the request and on the recommendation of the State Law Department Section 34 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement) was enacted at the 1963 Session of the General Assembly. This legislation clarified the doubtful status of budget and procurement matters of State Agencies supported in whole or in substantial part by local political subdivisions by placing purchasing control responsibility under the local subdivisions.

House Bill 282 runs directly counter to the recommendations of the Law Department as adopted by the 1963 General Assembly and in effect leaves such agencies entirely without access to or control by either the State or the local subdivision purchasing bureau.

This in my opinion is not in the best interests of economy or orderly administration of budgetary and purchasing matters.

This opinion is supported by data revealing that purchasing control by the local subdivisions under the law as it presently stands can and in fact has resulted in substantial savings of public funds.

For the reasons outlined above I feel compelled to veto House Bill 282.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.