

Bill 1033.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1065 - Abortions - Procedure and
Safety Measures

AN ACT concerning

Health - Life-Saving Measures
in Late Abortions

FOR the purpose of providing ~~life-saving measures for~~
~~certain abortions; generally concerning children~~
~~aborted alive; and concerning physicians. where~~
certain abortions may be performed; providing the
status of a fetus aborted alive; requiring certain
information to be put in certain medical reports;
and providing a penalty.

May 26, 1977

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
1065.

This bill requires that certain abortions be
performed only in a hospital, mandates that the medical
record of a patient who has had an abortion include
certain information, and provides that a live fetus is to
be treated as an abandoned ward of the State under
certain circumstances.

With respect to each of the three major provisions
of House Bill 1065, the Attorney General has advised me
that there are serious ambiguities and constitutional and
interpretive questions raised by its language. In at
least one instance, the Attorney General has determined
that the bill is clearly unconstitutional. A copy of the
Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be
considered a part of this veto message.