

STATE GAME AND INLAND FISH COMMISSION

This Department is supported entirely by Special Funds and the law provides that any balance remaining in these funds at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the State Treasury but shall be carried over to the credit of the State Game Protection Fund. The Governor, therefore, has no control over the total amount appropriated to this Department. He can, of course, control the details of expenditure.

The 1940 appropriation was \$106,188.00, which was increased by \$37,337.00 from excess receipts of the Department. The actual increase in 1942 over 1941 is \$13,800.00, all of which is for the establishment of positions provided by law.

STATE EXAMINING BOARDS

For the first time the Examining Boards of the State are operating under the budget in accordance with the law. All Examining Boards submitted budgets for the fiscal years 1940 and 1941 for the approval of the Board of Public Works. Carrying out the intent of the law, the budgets for these boards are now included in the General State Budget. Good cooperation from these agencies has been received in reporting their estimated needs.

All of these funds are of a special nature, not coming out of the General Treasury, but being derived almost entirely from fees paid by applicants for registration.

CONCLUSION

The budgets which I submit to you for the fiscal years 1942 and 1943 and the financial program suggested represent my best judgment with reference to meeting the financial needs of the State. I have carefully reviewed the many requests for larger appropriations, but I have kept constantly in mind the necessity of operating the various Agencies of the State Government with a minimum of cost to the taxpayer.

I have been inclined to this procedure not only because it is my duty as Governor to secure the utmost from the expenditure of the tax dollar, but also to strive to reduce State expenditures to a minimum, consistent with efficient operation and the discharge of governmental responsibilities under existing laws. While very few increases, other than those required by law, have been allowed, I am convinced that the various State Agencies will be able to operate with efficiency and to discharge their obligations under their various laws.

I am mindful of the increasing demands which will be made upon the taxpayers of the State to support the National Defense Program, involving the necessary expenditure of huge sums of money. Against this background, I have balanced the financial needs of the State and the requests for ever-increasing appropriations. Many of these requests can undoubtedly be justified, but I regard them as not essential in this time of crisis and not comparable to the necessity of maintaining the security of our governmental and social order.

This budget, therefore, represents my best judgment but I am quite conscious of the fact that you as the General Assembly of Maryland must, under our Constitution, pass the final judgment. I extend to you in your consideration of the innumerable items in the budget the help and cooperation of myself and heads of the various State Agencies concerned.