

VETOS

BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1950 AND VETOED BY GOVERNOR LANE AND HIS REASONS IN EACH CASE FOR THE SAME

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BILLS VETOED IS 5

All of these bills, except one, were vetoed by the Governor after the adjournment of the Legislature, either having been presented to him after the adjournment of the Legislature or not in sufficient time to require executive action before adjournment. The message sent to the Legislature on the bill vetoed during the session is included for the purpose of convenience and reference.

ALCOHOLISM

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MD., February 20, 1950.

Honorable Joseph R. Byrnes
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, I am returning to your Honorable Body Senate Bill No. 2, which I have vetoed.

This bill is in substance the same as Senate Bill No. 15, passed by the General Assembly in 1949, to which I objected on the ground of lack of control of the expenditure of funds proposed to be appropriated.

This bill differs only in that it adds a provision that during its first year of operation the expenditures of the Commission to be established would be subject to the supervision and approval of the Board of Public Works.

I am entirely sympathetic with the ultimate objectives that the bill seeks to attain, but the ways and means of attaining those objectives are professional in character.

The State undertakes the treatment of alcoholics committed to its charge under the Department of Mental Hygiene, and