be to require the Commission, out of its road construction funds, to correct any such conditions.

At the request of the Commission the bill will be vetoed.

## BETTERTON

### SENATE BILL 226

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 53 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Kent County", sub-title "Betterton", relating to the power of the Commissioners of Betterton to pass ordinances levying and fixing license fees, and excepting the town of Betterton from the provisions of Section 8A of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement).

This bill confers very broad powers on the Commissioners of Betterton especially with respect to the licensing of any occupation, profession or trade for such fees as they shall determine.

The Maryland Commission on the Distribution of Tax Revenues has recommended the licensing of business on a State-wide and uniform level and the distribution of the revenues received from such licenses to the political sub-division where the license fee is collected. The Town of Betterton will receive funds distributed in accordance with this principle which was adopted by the recent Session of the General Assembly.

Furthermore, the bill calls for the repeal of Section 8A of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), insofar as it relates to the Town of Betterton. This section of the law provides that no local licenses shall be required for any business or occupation for which a State license is necessary. It also provides that no occupational tax or fee shall be imposed upon any person, firm or corporation transacting business if a State license is required for such business or occupation.

Since this bill would except Betterton from a uniform State-wide law, it will be vetoed.

## BLIND AND DEAF

### HOUSE BILL 146

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 21—School Attendance", said section to be known as Section 230A and to follow immediately after