

GASOLINE TAXES.

Chapter 520 (House Bill 260). This bill attempts to set up a separate method of allocation of gasoline tax funds to incorporated towns and subdivisions of Prince George's County. However, the measure definitely conflicts with the State-wide Act which provides 50% for new construction. The provisions would prevent uniformity in the State-wide distribution of gasoline tax funds.

The State Roads Commission considers that such a precedent as set up by this bill would be damaging to the State-wide system.

The State Roads Commission vigorously protests this bill and urges its veto, contending that it is in direct conflict with Senate Bill 379 (Ch. 766), in that it directs the State Roads Commission to pay gas tax monies to various incorporated towns in the County, rather than to have payments from the State made to the County Commissioners as the governing body of the County. The State Law Department also suggests that this bill be vetoed.

Because I am anxious to preserve uniformity in the method of expending gas tax funds to the best possible advantage for the improvement and maintenance of the State Roads System, I shall veto this measure.

Chapter 569 (House Bill 106). This bill requires the State Roads Commission to pay Midland, Allegany County, the sum of \$5,000 from the 2c Gasoline Tax Fund, of which the counties receive no share. This would alter the system under which allocations are made to the political sub-divisions of the State, and would be an unwise innovation. The State Roads Commission is opposed to the measure and I shall veto it.

INHERITANCE TAX.

Chapter 404 (Senate Bill 346). The State Law Department in its formal opinion advises that this bill should be vetoed as being out of line with State policy. The Attorney General states that the provisions of the bill cover only one special case and that it should not be approved. Accordingly I am vetoing it.