

Chapter 439 (House Bill 664). This bill, giving the Sheriff and other peace officers of Harford County the right of search and seizure under certain conditions in connection with the violation of the local law relating to alcoholic beverages, is being vetoed for the same reason as Chapter 259 above.

#### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Chapter 192 (Senate Bill 230). By the terms of this bill, members of the State Board of Education would be selected by circuits instead of from the State at large as at present. While it is not difficult to understand the desire of citizens from one part of the State or another to feel that they have representation on this important Board, it is more desirable to have absolute freedom of choice in the selection of the very best persons whose selection is dictated alone by considerations of interest in education and special qualifications for School Board membership.

If membership on the Board were confined to representatives from various circuits these individuals would naturally feel that they were the chosen representatives of a particular section or locality instead of being committed to the duty of handling educational matters on a State-wide basis. It would seem poor policy to deny the State the service of a public spirited person, exceptionally qualified, just because that person happened to reside in a particular section of the State where another member of the Board resided. Singularly, the one appointment I have made to the State Board of Education was that of Mr. Tasker G. Lowndes who has been rendering valuable services to the State in this field. Yet another member of the Board came from his particular circuit.

Furthermore, I feel that the bill is unnecessary because where circumstances justify, I intend to give earnest consideration to the selection of available persons from large areas of the State from which no present member comes. In other words, I feel that any worthy purpose can be served by the Governor's selection rather than by legislative mandate. I am therefore, vetoing this measure.

#### TOBACCO.

Chapter 710 (House Bill 231). In a bill which has been approved, licenses for the buying and selling of leaf tobacco are provided for. Under the terms of this proposed measure (House Bill 231) a definite method for the procurement of the licenses is set up, but if this bill were also signed, two sets of licenses would probably be required. This would