

One important consideration presents itself in that motor vehicles, which cannot pass the registration inspection, would thus be permitted on the State roads, possibly jeopardizing the lives and safety of the traveling public. Furthermore, if any such vehicle figured in an accident, it might be difficult, if not impossible, to attach responsibility, if the particular motor vehicle was removed from the scene of the accident. Then, too, the conditions of the Financial Responsibility Act could very well be avoided.

In view of the possible difficulties which would arise, and the hazards to public safety which might be greatly increased, I feel constrained to veto the measure in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Chapter 654 (House Bill 513). The State Law Department, in its report to me, states that this Bill, if signed, while undertaking to extend the provisions for refunds of motor vehicle fines, also affects the Trial Magistrate Act of 1939, restricting the trial of motor vehicle offenses to such officials.

It seems apparent that the sponsor of the Bill in question had no such intention, but in view of the serious effect which would result from this measure, should it become law, I am compelled to veto it.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

Chapter 704 (House Bill 863). The State Law Department in its formal report to me recommends that this Bill be vetoed.

The measure relates to bonds of certain public officials, so as to require a renewal every year instead of every second year. The Law Department points out that this is unnecessary since the terms and renewals of all bonds are now regulated by the Board of Public Works. It is also pointed out in the opinion that provisions of the Bill may, by implication, repeal the present authority of the Board of Public Works to regulate the matter.

The official opinion submitted to me also states that the Bill attempts to substitute the State Law Department for the Judges of the Courts in approving securities on the bonds of sheriffs and Registers of Wills.

In voicing opposition to the Bill, the Law Department states that the requirements under it are "utterly unreasonable."

In view of the official opinion, I will now veto this measure.

PAROLE.

To my great regret a situation has developed regarding Chapter 411 (which was House Bill 51) which makes it most difficult to determine whether greater good will result from signing the Bill or vetoing it.