

be one of policy, the Bill constitutes a substantial departure from the usual functions of the office of the Attorney-General.

"It is also pointed out that there are certain rules relating to the Merit System and to the Salary Standards Board that require, at present, the approval of the Governor. This Bill provides that when the Attorney-General approves rules submitted to him, these are to be filed and become effective immediately and thus, under the Bill, it is conceivable that a situation might arise where the Attorney-General would approve a rule that is disapproved by the Governor and the present Bill leaves open the possibility that the Attorney-General and the department head might be able to adopt and make effective rules totally at odds with the established policy of the Executive.

"For these reasons, therefore, it is our suggestion that this Bill should be vetoed and that a new Bill be drafted to take care of the above objections."

Inasmuch as it is apparent that the State Law Department can collaborate in the preparation of a new Bill to relieve and remove the objectionable features of this Bill, I am vetoing this one.

#### STATE POLICE.

February 17, 1943.

The President of the Senate,  
Maryland State Legislature,  
State House,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I am returning, without approval, Chapter 32 (Senate Bill 53), entitled:

"An Act to repeal Section 6 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title 'State Police', relating to employees transferred from the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Maryland State Police."

The repeal of this section, accomplished if this Bill were enacted, would have the effect of impairing the Merit System status and the seniority rights of employees of the Department of the Maryland State Police who had been previously transferred from the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, it is thought.