

such distance in a straight or direct line. I see no need or justification for weakening the application of the long-standing and accepted regulation establishing a minimum distance of 1,000 feet for the location of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages from a place of worship or a school. Therefore, I have vetoed this Bill.

#### HOUSE BILL No. 485

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (b) of Section 3 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Permits", relating to discrimination placed upon the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages produced or distributed by Maryland licensees when sold or delivered into jurisdictions outside the State of Maryland.

The purpose of this Bill is to authorize the Comptroller to impose taxes, assessments and imposts upon non-residents dealing with alcoholic beverages when the States of which they are residents impose such taxes, assessments and imposts upon residents of this State.

The additional taxes which the Comptroller is required to levy are to be measured by those imposed by the State in which the non-resident resides.

As the Alcoholic Beverage Laws vary quite substantially in the several States, it seems to me that from the standpoint of administration the approval of this Bill will result in much confusion entirely out of proportion to any benefit which we may derive from it.

Aside from the question of policy in which we may be involved by erecting grave barriers, I have concluded that this legislation is unwise and for this reason I have decided to veto it.

#### ALCOHOLISM

#### SENATE BILL No. 15

AN ACT to add ten new sections to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", said new sections to be under the new sub-title "Commission on Alcoholism", to be known as Sections 178 to 187, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 177 of said Article, creating a Commission on Alcoholism and relating to its powers and duties.

This Bill provides for the creation of a Commission on Alcoholism and directs the Governor to annually include in