

Under the Home Rule amendment of the State Constitution, local legislation of this character is probably more appropriate for legislative action by the City than by the State.

It should further be noted that the Bill probably imposes improper burdens upon the Clerk of Courts authorized to issue the licenses for sales under the Bill. The Clerk is required not only to determine that the statements in the application are true, but also that the conduct of the sale will not be injurious to the peace, health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Maryland. The Clerk would further be required to investigate violations and make determinations as to whether or not the license should be revoked. As to the inventory required by the Bill to be filed with an application for a license certain of the details required as to the inventory may be improper or unduly difficult. Further consideration should be given to the reasonableness of each of the requirements as applied to both small and large businesses in any redrafting of the Bill.

At this time I am returning the Bill herewith without my approval.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor

SOCIAL SECURITY

March 27, 1951

Hon. George W. Della
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning herewith Senate Bill No. 193 without my approval.¹

The Honorable Hall Hammond, Attorney General, was requested to advise me as to its form and legal sufficiency and has made the following comments:

"Senate Bill No. 193 purports to authorize the County Commissioners of Howard County to enter into an agreement with the Federal Security Administrator for the purpose of extending to certain employees of Howard County the benefits of Federal Social Security coverage, as authorized by the 1950 Amendments to the Federal Social Security Act. In my opinion, the effect of the bill would be purely nugatory in that the Social Security Act Amendments of 1950 specifically provide that agreements to extend Social Security coverage to

¹ This veto was sustained by the Senate on March 27, 1951.