

ful purpose to be served by a hodge-podge of varying speed regulations throughout the State, and the very evil which the uniform code was designed to remedy could well be re-established under the broad provisions of this Bill. It would seem that the problems of the various municipalities relative to speed of motor vehicles is and should remain a matter of State-wide interest to be dealt with by legislation on a State-wide basis so that there will be uniformity of application and penalties. In this manner, any proposed changes in the various speed limits in localities could be carefully weighed and tested as to their advisability and reasonableness. The general motoring public would continue to know that regulations effective in their home areas are likewise effective anywhere they may travel in the State.

The Automobile Club of Maryland, through its general counsel, has expressed vigorous opposition to this Bill. The Attorney General points out in his opinion to me that it is frequently difficult to determine when one has entered some of the small municipalities of the State and that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to familiarize oneself with their various speed limits, considering the fact that according to the 1950 census "one incorporated town in the State had a population of five persons, another—seven persons, and still another—sixteen persons. Many towns in the State have less than one hundred inhabitants while those with less than five hundred would make a rather extended listing."

Under the circumstances, I can see no necessity or valid reason for departing from the present principle of State-wide uniformity of motor vehicle regulations and have therefore vetoed House Bill 45.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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HOUSE BILL NO. 47

April 2, 1954

Honorable John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith House Bill 47, dealing with exemptions under the sales tax law of Maryland. I have