

monthly a list of public welfare recipients to the County Commissioners. The names, addresses and amounts of each payment would be shown, together with the names and addresses and salaries paid to all employees of the Welfare Board itself. The record so filed would be bound in a separate book, open to inspection by the County Commissioners and any other County official with their approval.

Pursuant to Section 14 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Ed.), one of the County Commissioners in each County is a member of the County Welfare Board. The general policy of this State is to prohibit disclosure of any information concerning recipients of welfare funds, to avoid its use for political purposes, embarrassment to the unfortunate person requiring aid, and possible interference with rehabilitation. However, Sub-section 2 of Section 6 of Article 88A authorizes disclosure of information to County officials for the purpose of administration and in accordance with regulations of the State Department of Welfare. Under this law and the rules of the State Board, local governing bodies have such access to lists of welfare recipients and the amounts of their grants as they may need in the performance of their official duties. From the standpoint of uniform administration of the welfare program, any amendment of the law which may be found desirable should be on a State-wide, rather than a local basis. For this reason and the further fact that the information required to be furnished under this bill is already available to the County Commissioners and other proper County officials, I have vetoed the same.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 210

May 5, 1953

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

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 210 provides that the Register of Wills of each County shall be allowed a commission not exceeding