

20% of inheritance taxes collected, rather than the 10% commission now fixed by law. State officials charged with administration and collection duties in connection with this tax feel that the elastic commission provision might serve to encourage the Registers of Wills of some Counties to neglect various economies which they have been practicing to keep expenses within proper bounds. Furthermore, the Attorney General advises that the provision would be unworkable, since there is no provision for determining who shall set the maximum commission to be allowed to any given Register of Wills. To the extent that this bill may be intended to provide for operating deficiencies, it would seem wiser to continue the present practice for State budgetary appropriation to cover same.

Since it is not necessary from the standpoint of making up deficiencies and might well lead to a relaxation of economy provisions, I am returning the same herewith without my approval.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 246

May 5, 1953

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

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 246 provides that only one registration tag be issued for a motor vehicle. At the present time the Executive Department has emergency power to authorize such means of registration and identification as the Department of Motor Vehicles may deem sufficient. A shortage of steel during the period when it was necessary to commence manufacture of the current automobile license plates impelled the decision to use only one tag this year. It will result in a saving to the State of approximately \$100,000.00, and the apparent purpose of Senate Bill No. 246 is to perpetuate this obvious saving from use of one instead of two tags on automobiles. The budget of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the fiscal year 1953-54 makes provision