

only for single tags. Since manufacture of the 1954 tags must be commenced in the very near future, the budget limitation operates to make single license tags mandatory again.

However, it is extremely doubtful that this provision should be incorporated into a permanent law. Responsible law enforcement officials of this State have urged veto of the Bill because they feel its mandatory requirement of a one tag system is a burden and hindrance in enforcement of the various motor vehicle laws, the apprehension of violators, and the recovery of stolen cars. I have substantial reason to believe that the objections of our law enforcement officials are well founded. However, experience with operation of the system in Maryland is limited to a very short period of time. If it is determined from further experience that the objections of our police officials are well founded, I am sure you will agree that there should be a return to the system of front and rear tags as promptly as possible. It is my suggestion that this matter might well be the subject of inquiry by the Legislative Council later in the year to determine whether or not the double tag system is desirable in the interest of maximum efficiency of law enforcement, as well as the protection of the person and property of our citizens. Based on available information, I must withhold approval of the Bill, and return it to you herewith as vetoed.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 301

May 5, 1953

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

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill No. 301 provides a salary increase for Court Stenographers of Baltimore City. All of the beneficiaries of this bill, as well as its sponsor, have requested its veto. In view of this request which will mean a saving to the City of