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HOUSE BILL NO. 683

May 6, 1953

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill No. 683, which I am returning herewith as vetoed, while not clearly so stated, is primarily designed to prevent the Anne Arundel County Zoning Commissioner or Board of Zoning Appeals from passing upon the public need for an alcoholic beverage outlet or the question of its effect on the public welfare. In Anne Arundel County for a considerable period of time, specific zoning approval has been required in certain areas for alcoholic beverage outlets, even though commercially zoned, before the Board of Liquor License Commissioners can act upon an application for such a license. Ordinarily there might be doubt as to the wisdom of duplication of such functions in two separate agencies. In practice, I am informed by civic groups that the arrangement has been satisfactory in Anne Arundel County. In view of this fact and the further fact that all liquor licenses are privileges, rather than matters of right, I see no benefit to the public generally in relaxing the existing procedures in Anne Arundel County.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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HOUSE BILL NO. 687

May 7, 1953

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am herewith returning House Bill No. 687 without my approval. This Bill would increase the State tax on alcoholic beverages, except beer and wine, from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per