

May 9, 1955

Honorable Louis L. Goldstein
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I am reluctantly compelled to veto Senate Bill 242, the basic purpose of which was to prevent the occurrence of accidental injuries and deaths among young children who become locked in abandoned ice boxes. Unfortunately, the language of the bill is such as to make it completely impractical to sign. This office called the defect to the attention of the sponsors of the bill who thereafter recalled it from my hands. Apparently in the rush of adjournment, the necessary corrections to make the body of the bill correspond with its title, were overlooked.

The bill, among other things, would make it unlawful to place an *uncrated* ice box, refrigerator or freezer in a place accessible to children without first removing the door therefrom. Literally construed, if this bill became law, virtually every home owner in the State would become an unwitting law breaker unless he followed the wholly unreasonable mandate to remove the doors from his refrigerator or freezer, or as an alternative, permitted it to remain in a crate and unusable. The simple solution lies in addition of the words "outside of any building or dwelling", which appeared in the bill as introduced, but were removed by an inartificially drawn amendment.

It should further be noted that, in my opinion, the bill is unconstitutional since its effect is far broader than the title indicates.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor

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Senate Bill No. 269—Tax Exemption, Finance Corporations

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 8 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall Be Taxed and Where", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (40) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (39) of said Section 8 as said Sub-section (39) was enacted by Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1954, exempting from taxation shares of stock in domestic finance corporations which make loans exclusively to farmers for agricultural purposes and the capital stock of foreign finance corporations which make loans exclusively to farmers for agricultural purposes.

April 28, 1955

Honorable Louis L. Goldstein
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill 269 exempts from taxation the stock of Finance Corporations which make loans exclusively to farmers for agricultural