

May 9, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 607 authorizes the imposition of a tobacco tax in Harford County without limitation on the rate of tax. This bill, except for the absence of violation penalties, is virtually identical with House Bill 559, which I have today vetoed as an unsound extension of local taxing powers in a field in which the State has not yet acted and in which I trust it will not be necessary to act. For a fuller statement of my basic objections to this bill, which I am returning without my approval, I respectfully refer you to my veto message in connection with House Bill 559.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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House Bill No. 611—Land Surveyors

AN ACT to add a new sub-paragraph to Section 12 of Article 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors", said new sub-paragraph to be known as (3)d and to follow immediately after sub-paragraph (3)c thereof, authorizing the licensing of persons as land surveyors who have had at least two years experience in land surveying and shall have been licensed by the Board as a Registered Professional Engineer, and shall appear on the Official Roster of said Board as majoring or qualified in civil engineering.

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith House Bill 611 without my approval. This measure would add to existing law another alternative basis for qualification as a land surveyor, which would lower the educational and experience qualifications. The State Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the Maryland Society of Surveyors, the Maryland Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and other groups and individuals interested in the maintenance of standards in this field, including the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Maryland, feel that two years is an insufficient period of time in which to acquire the necessary education and experience to serve as a Land Surveyor. The lowering of the standards may result in inferior work and be harmful to the property owners of Maryland.