

The present statutes establishing the requirements for registration as a Land Surveyor are based upon a model law which is in force in most states, and is the result of years of study by the American Society of Civil Engineers and other qualified national engineering and surveying organizations. This law has operated successfully in Maryland since its passage sixteen years ago. No reason has been advanced as to the need for the presently proposed change, which appears to be unanimously opposed by both the engineering profession and the land surveyors as an unwise change, not in the public interest. In dealing with the revision of requirements for practice in established professions, the opinion of those presently engaged in the field as to necessary education and experience, is entitled to great weight, especially where, as here, there is no evidence to the contrary. Since the expressed opposition to this bill appears logical and reasonable, I have vetoed it for the protection of the public interest.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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House Bill No. 645—Motor Vehicle Title Tax

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 28 (d) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", relating to an exemption from the excise tax of certain certificates of title of motor vehicles.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker :

House Bill 645 proposes to exempt from the automobile titling tax transfers of motor vehicles by an individual, company or firm which changes to a corporate style of doing business and transfers ownership of its motor vehicles to the corporation. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, whose department handles several hundred thousand title registration transfers annually, has recommended to me that for a number of reasons the bill should not be signed. Section 28 (a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) is specific in its application of the titling tax to all motor vehicle transfers, without necessity for determining corporate interests and like matters. Under this bill it is felt that frequent investigative problems would occur in passing upon the validity of exemption claims, and that it might be an invitation to subterfuge by having transferers and transferees temporarily pose as identical for the purpose of tax evasion. Frequently an individual wishes to transfer a motor vehicle title upon adding members of his family to form a partnership and no provision is made for exemption in such cases. Moreover, there is no exemption in other fields upon change from individual to