

## House Bill No. 725—Tourist Information Services

AN ACT to add new Section 199A to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of Information", to follow immediately after Section 199 thereof, relating to the prohibition against dissemination of certain official information services in this State.

April 28, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 725 which attempts to make illegal the operation of tourist information services under certain conditions, is an exact duplicate of Senate Bill 508. I have today vetoed Senate Bill 508 for reasons there set forth, particularly the lack of any penalty provisions. In vetoing this duplicate bill, I am referring the matter to the Legislative Council for consideration.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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## House Bill No. 729—Assessment of Farm Lands

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 17 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Method of Assessment", specifying the method of assessment for lands which are actively devoted to farm or agricultural use.

June 3, 1955.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 729 attempts to change the general assessing formula contained in Section 13 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supp.), by providing that lands devoted to farm or agricultural use shall be assessed on that basis, and not as if subdivided "or on any other basis". Under this bill, the tax assessor would be required to close his eyes to the development of the surrounding area, sales and other indicia of land values. This preferential treatment would have no necessary relationship to or benefit for farming. Thus, the owner of a very valuable tract of vacant land in a thriving commercial section might claim the benefit of this bill