

April 17, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. President:

Senate Bill 530 would permit the Kent and Queen Anne's County Boards of Education to display safety signs, "*in any form or manner*", on or abutting any highway in school areas. The signs are authorized to carry the name of the donor, which would be, and, in practice is a form of advertising.

Experience shows that serious traffic hazards ensue from placing such signs in the center of or close to the side of our highways. Vehicles are thus caused to swerve from their normal path either endangering pedestrians along the side of the road or possibly veering over the center of the road in the face of on-coming traffic. If such signs were displayed only during the limited period of opening and closing of schools, the problem might be minimized. However, the State Roads Commission informs me that experience shows that such signs have been placed on or near the highways in the early morning and have been permitted to remain until long after the school closing.

Another, and controlling, objection to the bill is the authorization of advertising within the limits of a State road right of way. I do not believe the State should authorize, even under the guise of protecting school children, the display of an advertising message within the State Road right of way. Furthermore, I understand that the particular problem which resulted in this legislation is being adjusted administratively. Consequently, aside from the fundamental objections to the legislation, there is no need for same.

I have, therefore, vetoed Senate Bill 530.

Sincerely,

(s) THEODORE R. McKELDIN,
 Governor.

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Senate Bill No. 543—Incentive awards for State employees

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1956 Supplement) said new Article to be known as Article 64B of said Code and to be under the title "Classified Service Employees Incentive Awards", and to follow immediately after Article 64A thereof, providing generally for classified service employees incentive awards.

April 15, 1957.

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

Dear Senator Goldstein:

It is with considerable regret that I find it necessary to veto Senate Bill 543 in the form in which it was passed by the 1957 Session of the General Assembly.