

title "Elections", sub-title "Election Officials", providing for certain days of registration in the precincts in Anne Arundel County.

April 15, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 277 provides for precinct registration of voters in Anne Arundel County. Section 38 of Senate Bill 8, the general revision of the Election Laws, which I have signed, contains the same provision.

I have, therefore, vetoed House Bill 277 as an unnecessary duplication.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 322—Optometry

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 356 and 359 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Optometry", increasing the registration fee for the practice of optometry so as not to exceed the sum of \$10.00 per annum and allowing qualified optometrist to prescribe or provide concave glasses without any restriction as to age.

April 17, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 322 would remove the long-standing prohibition against optometrists selling or prescribing concave glasses to person under 15 years of age.

Outstanding ophthalmologists have advised me of the serious danger to the eyesight of young children which is the basis for the present restriction in the law. I am advised that it is a practical impossibility for anyone, medical or non-medical, to refract for near or far-sighted eyes in children without the use of drops to dilate the pupils and temporarily suppress their accommodation. This is particularly applicable to young children whose active accommodation prevents any uniformity in the findings upon refraction without drops. Thus, examination without drops generally reveals more sight defect than actually exists, and leads to a prescription of much stronger concave