

The vice of House Bill 721 is even greater than that of the proposed 1955 act. Under House Bill 721, Baltimore County would continue to have full control of taxicabs operating within Baltimore County, while the Public Service Commission would regulate Baltimore County cabs, which operated into Baltimore City. This dual control is an unfeasible and unworkable proposal, and does not remedy the defects of prior legislation on the subject, if, in fact legislation can accomplish anything in the light of the administrative problems inherent therein. I have therefore vetoed House Bill 721.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 885—Alcoholic Beverages in St. Mary's County

AN ACT to add a new Section ~~37A~~ 38A to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition AND 1956 SUPPLEMENT), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Local Licenses and License Provisions", to follow immediately after Section ~~37~~ 38 thereof, prohibiting the issuance of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages to ~~chain retail grocery stores, or any retail grocery stores with more than one retail outlet, in St. Mary's County~~ FOR THE USE OF CORPORATIONS IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY UNLESS ALL THE STOCKHOLDERS OF SUCH CORPORATIONS THE OWNERS OF PART OF THE TOTAL STOCK THEREOF ARE RESIDENTS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

April 17, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 885 provides that in St. Mary's County no license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be issued for the use of any corporation, unless the owners of 15% of its total stock are residents of the county. This is far different from the general statewide requirement in Section 38(b) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supp.) that at least one of the three persons acting on behalf of the corporation, as licensees, shall be a registered voter and taxpayer of the county and have resided therein for at least two years prior to the application.

I am advised that the sole purpose of this Bill is to nullify by legislation the administrative decision to grant a license for a substantial grocery store unit of a national chain, Safeway Stores. This decision of the local Board of Liquor License Commissioners is on appeal to the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, which is the proper forum to determine the propriety of the Board's decision. Legislative overriding of administrative decisions and foreclosing of orderly court