

THE SEVERAL CLERKS OF THE COURT OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TOWARD THE COST OF LAW BOOKS PURCHASED BY THE JUDGES OF ANY SUCH COURT AND RELATING GENERALLY TO THE AMOUNT AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH PAYMENT.

May 5, 1959.

Honorable Perry O. Wilkinson
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill 338 which would have allowed the expenditure of excess fees of all the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the State of Maryland and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, subject to judicial approval, in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of law books. While I wish to encourage the scholarly pursuits of the members of the Bar and have a deep respect for the legal research required of our judges throughout the State, etc., I do not feel that this Bill answers the problem. This Bill does not provide for any uniformity and there are some counties in which the Clerks of the Court would have little or no excess fees, whereas, in other counties and Baltimore City they would be substantial. Yet, the need for basic legal research is certainly as great in one county as in another.

I have also been advised by the Comptroller's Office that this Bill would reduce the revenue of that Office from excess fees by approximately seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) a year.

It is felt that essential law book texts, legal supplement services, legal periodicals, etc., which are a part of the working tools of the Bar and Bench should be purchased by the respective local governmental units so as to insure their presence in the Bar libraries of all counties and in the City of Baltimore and that the purchase of these books should not be dependent upon the existence or non-existence of excess fees.

Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill 338.

Respectfully,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 358—Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Acquisition of Property

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section IV of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District Act enacted by Chapter 1008 of the Acts of 1943, so as to authorize and empower the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in the acquisition and development of land or other property or in the exercise of its duties under the said Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District Act or for other purposes, to enter into commitments and agreements and receive funds from federal, state and/or