

was approved by the General Assembly, it was ruled unconstitutional by the office of the Attorney General. Subsequent to this ruling, a new bill was drafted in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and designed to fulfill the original intent of Senate Bill 323.

This new bill, House Bill 1190, which was approved by the General Assembly and which I have already signed, is now Chapter 606 of the Acts of 1965.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Senate Bill No. 353—Motor Vehicle Tires

AN ACT to add new Section 292A to Article 66¹/₂ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to follow immediately after Section 292 thereof, to prohibit the sale in the State of NEW pneumatic motor vehicle tires which have a ply rating other than the actual rating of the tire.

May 4, 1965.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I am returning herewith Senate Bill 353, 1965 Session, which has been vetoed by me today.

This Bill would make it unlawful to sell in this State after January 1, 1966, any new pneumatic tire for motor vehicles which has stamped or molded into it a ply rating for the tire which describes the ply by any rating other than the actual ply of the tire.

I am advised that technological improvements in the tire manufacturing industry have enabled the manufacturers to produce tires with less "plys" which, in their opinion, are equal to the tires with more "plys" that were made under the old process. As a result, the industry has adopted the term "ply rating" to apprise buyers of the tire's equivalence to the old system of actual ply rating.

Although I recognize the salutary purpose of the Bill, I have been impressed by the arguments advanced by many individuals and organizations that passage of the legislation would have an adverse effect upon Maryland tire manufacturing companies and would have a devastating impact upon several thousand workers in the Appalachia area which is already the subject of so much concern.

Moreover, I have been assured that the subject matter of the Bill is being studied by the Federal Trade Commission and that there is now pending in the United States Senate legislation pertaining to