First, it creates a Board of Review to consist of three members appointed by the Commissioner of Personnel. This would appear to be in conflict, at least in spirit, with House Bill 371 which created the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. It would appear to me that if a Board of Review were found to be necessary, the members should be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services rather than the Commissioner of Personnel. I doubt that such a Board of Review is necessary since the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services under House Bill 371, Sec. 204 C(c) has the power to review and perform any duty, function, etc. of the Superintendent of the State Police.

Furthermore, while there is no objection to the review of a decision to demote a person who has been charged for disciplinary reasons, I do think the Superintendent should have the administrative authority to reduce a Commissioned Officer's rank within a one-year period if that person has failed in that period of time to measure up to expectations. This provision is in effect a probationary period of one year for a newly-promoted Commissioned Officer to insure that he is capable of doing the job for which he was selected.

In view of the foregoing, I would recommend to the Governor that House Bill 1055 be vetoed.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ ROBERT J. LALLY,
Superintendent.

House Bill No. 1193—Exterminators in Kent County

AN ACT to add new Section 255A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Kent County (1968 Edition, being Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Kent County," to be under the new subtitle "Exterminators," to follow immediately after Section 255 thereof, as added by Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1955; to require the licensing of exterminators in Kent County.

May 26, 1970.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1193.

This bill establishes licensing procedures in Kent County for any person, firm, partnership or corporation which hires itself out as an exterminator. The bill provides for the County Board of Health to establish minimum standards and requirements.

I am concerned that this bill could bring about substantial conflict with the state-wide pesticide regulations which were established by the 1969 Session of the General Assembly and can be found in Article 66C, Section 110A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The