It is the understanding of this Board that the House Environmental Matters Committee gave subject bill an unfavorable report on March 22, 1974. However, on March 29, 1974 the Committee reconsidered the bill and passed same with an amendment.

The intent of the objectives to be accomplished by subject bill which was sponsored by Honorable Delegates Alperstein and Needle are certainly most commendable ones. However, should the drug products be consumed as directed by the prescribing practitioner, the impairing of one's driving ability should be practically non-existent. Quite naturally though, should the drug be consumed in a manner contra to the prescriber's order, the drug product could create many problems, among which could certainly include the impairing of one's driving ability.

In reality, there are other drug products which are not included in subject bill that could impair one's driving ability. An example would be an anti-infective drug such as an antibiotic which causes one's blood pressure to elevate. In so doing, this action could impair an individual's driving ability. However, this classification of drugs, which is one of the most frequently prescribed classes of drug products, is not included in subject bill; therefore, not requiring subject label to be affixed to the container.

Further, subject bill also requires that drug products, even though prescribed for infants or children who do not drive automobiles, shall have subject label affixed to the container.

Again, the Commissioners respectfully request you veto this bill. Should you so desire, I would be most happy to further discuss this most important issue.

Very respectfully,
/s/ Morris R. Yaffe
President
MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

House Bill No. 1649 – Declaration of Estimated Income Tax

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