

The Attorney General advises me that, under Senate Bill No. 102, dental parlors now conducted under a corporate or trade name could still be conducted in the name of one of the dentists who practice there, and in that way could continue to operate exactly as at present. For these reasons, both the Attorney General and the State Board of Dental Examiners consider that the bill would be ineffective, and the Board, as well as the Dean of the Dental School at the University of Maryland, suggest that I veto it and that the situation continue as it is until the next Legislature has the opportunity of enacting an adequate bill.

From the best information I can secure, it seems that this particular bill originated in trade jealousy on the part of certain dentists who resort to advertisements of a kind which the State Board thinks do not conform to the requirements of professional ethics. These dentists advertising under their own names were beginning to feel the competition from certain dental parlors or associations which advertise under their trade names, and they had Senate Bill 102 introduced with the idea of possibly putting these parlors and associations out of business. I have examined a number of the advertisements put out by these individual dentists and put out by these dental parlors or associations. They are all of the same character.

If, as the Attorney General holds, the only result of approving the bill would be to enable the dental parlors to continue exactly the same kind of advertisements as they now publish, with the exception that these would have to be under the individual names of the dentists instead of under their trade names, then I agree with the State Board that the approval of the bill would do little or no good at all. The parlors would undoubtedly continue the same line of advertisements under the names of one of their dentists. They would simply join those who are already doing the same thing under their own name.

For these reasons, I will veto the bill and leave the subject to be adequately dealt with by the next Legislature.

GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

(Chapter 514, Senate Bill 211)

This bill authorizes the State Board of Agriculture to establish grades and standards for farm products and to provide for the inspection thereof. The bill is considered necessary by