

vigorously opposed the continuation of the practice of licensing these machines.

It seems apparent that the voters had a right to rely upon my assurance to veto any Bill that would seek to legalize and license these devices. It is also significant to note that at the same election, the voters passed upon a proposed Constitutional Amendment relating to lotteries and rejected it by a majority of 33,000.

Similar Bills to the one in question were passed by the 1939 General Assembly and I vetoed these measures. Not only would it be inconsistent for me to approve the present Bill, rejecting the measures two years ago, but it would be unfair to the representatives of other Counties who, knowing that I would feel called upon to veto the measures, refrained from introducing them into the Legislature.

Of course the expressed purpose of the Bill has my support, as I would like very much to see the erection of a hospital in Garrett County made possible. I do believe, however, that it would be much more desirable to raise the funds in another manner.

Incidentally, I was urged to sign one of the pin ball Bills two years ago because the proceeds were to be used for hospital maintenance. However, experience has shown that the hospital has operated satisfactorily without this income.

I come back to the question of keeping faith with the citizenry and inasmuch as it would be a repudiation of my promise to the people during the campaign, I feel that I have no alternative but to veto House Bill 570, which I am now doing.

PLUMBERS.

Chapter 721 (House Bill 764). This measure relates to the qualification of members of the State Board of Examiners of Practical Plumbing and to classes of master plumbers.

The State Law Department, in its official opinion on this Bill, points out that this enactment makes different classifications and imposes restrictions which are of doubtful validity. The legal opinion also states that it is open to serious question whether or not there is any reasonable relationship between the public interest and the legislative requirement that before a person can be qualified as a Master Plumber in the City of Baltimore, he shall be required to maintain an established place of business. In the words of the Attorney General:

Such a provision seems to have no reasonable relationship to the ability of the Master Plumber to perform his work skillfully and well."