

Anne Arundel County law against auto or motorcycle races on Sunday. The extremely heavy traffic on the Ritchie Highway on Sundays would be even worse if the auto race track on that highway were permitted to operate on Sundays. I am informed that County police officials believe it would unduly and unnecessarily add to the burden of law enforcement at a peak period.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

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Governor

HOUSE BILL NO. 857

May 5, 1953

Honorable John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have this day vetoed House Bill No. 857. This Bill would license retail gasoline dealers in Allegany County. The major provisions of the Bill are the requirement of at least one and not more than two signs on every gasoline pump, giving the exact itemized cost per gallon of the motor fuel. Posting or display of any other signs about the premises which are "designed or calculated to cause the public to believe that they state or relate to the price of motor fuel" is prohibited. Sellers of gasoline which has no brand name or trade mark must display on the dispensing equipment the words, "No Brand".

The provisions prohibiting signs would seem to be an unwarranted invasion of private rights bearing no reasonable relation to the public health, safety and welfare. Similarly, the failure to use a brand name or trade mark on a product so long as there is no attempt at deception, or misrepresentation that it is actually a branded product, would seem to involve no public interest. Adequate remedies exist if such fraudulent representations are made. If there are problems of the filling station business requiring regulation, they should be imposed at the State level in the same manner that the products are taxed.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

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Governor