

April 18, 1958.

Hon. John C. Luber
4001 West Franklin Street
Baltimore 29, Maryland

Dear Mr. Luber:

I am returning without my signature House Bill No. 151 since this bill is an exact duplicate of Senate Bill No. 135 which I have signed and which is now Chapter 62.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor.

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House Bill No. 176—Social Security for State Police

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 36 (c) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Pensions", sub-title "Social Security Benefits", relating to social security for State police employees, further defining the term "employee" with respect to social security benefits under the pension laws of the State.

April 3, 1958.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 176 excludes employees of the Department of Maryland State Police from Social Security coverage. The intent of the Bill was to exclude uniformed personnel, and compensate for the exclusion by increasing certain benefits under the State Police Retirement System. Unfortunately, the word "employee" is broad enough to include civilian employees of the Department. These civilians are members of the regular State Employees Retirement System, and their exclusion from social security benefits would be an uncompensated loss, discriminatory in nature.

The Attorney General and the Board of Trustees of the State Police Retirement System have recommended veto of this Bill, which is requested by the civilian employees.

For the foregoing reasons, I return House Bill No. 176 herewith, as vetoed.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor.

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