

Senate Bill No. 401—State Income Tax

AN ACT to add new Section 319A to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Special Taxes", sub-heading "Income Tax", to follow immediately after Section 319 thereof, requiring operators of certain apartment houses to file lists of ~~adult~~ ALL occupants with the Comptroller.

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Honorable Louis L. Goldstein
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I have today vetoed Senate Bill 401 which would require apartment operators to file annually with the State Comptroller a list of the names and addresses of *all occupants* of their premises.

The annual listing of every man, woman and child in apartment houses would provide no tax information from which the Comptroller could deduce a possible tax liability and would probably be a less comprehensive and orderly compilation than would result from use of telephone books. In fact, I have difficulty in visualizing any worthwhile objective to be attained from such lists. Its sole accomplishment would be to occasion one group of taxpayers—operators of more than four apartments—considerable trouble and expense in the preparation of forms serving no useful purpose. So viewed, these lists would be another addition to the overpowering mass of forms which have been zealously foisted upon defenseless businessmen under penalty for refusal, as here, of fine or consignment to durance vile. Government in Maryland has never followed the trend of pointless paper gathering and file collecting, and I shall continue adamantly to oppose unnecessary trespasses upon the time of our citizens, with the attendant public and private expense and annoyance.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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Senate Bill No. 459—Federal Surplus Food Commodities

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", said new section to follow immediately after Section 79 of said Article and to be known as Section 79A, and to be under a new sub-title to be known as "Federal Surplus Food Commodities", authorizing and empowering the Governor to designate a department, agency or agencies of the State to accept surplus food commodities appropriated and available to the State of Maryland under the provisions of any Act of Congress of the United States relating to surplus food commodities and to manage and dispose of the same in accordance with Federal Law.