

cars. However, it seems clear that such special identification tags can be privately manufactured and purchased, and displayed in addition to the usual license tag. This procedure, for example, has been followed by members of volunteer fire departments.

In vetoing a similar bill passed at the 1951 session of the General Assembly, I referred to the advisability of discontinuing the practice of issuing special license numbers with the consequent implication to some of special privilege or immunity, and the Department of Motor Vehicles is following this suggestion. However, Chapter No. 533 of the Acts of 1953, provides for the issuance of tags bearing special letters or numbers, with the approval of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, if the applicant has a clean driving record for five years. I approved this exception to the general policy as an encouragement to safe driving by those members of the motoring public who derive some special satisfaction in carrying a unique license tag number. An *additional* fee of \$15.00 charged for such tags will provide a more than adequate margin for the cost of manufacturing the plates and special handling. The same cannot be said of the \$2.00 charge provided in this bill, which I am returning herewith as unwise and unnecessary, especially since the desired end can be attained without legislation.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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SENATE BILL NO. 186

May 6, 1953

Honorable George W. Della
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning herewith without my approval Senate Bill No. 186 providing for the licensing of foster homes in Carroll County by the County Commissioners, with the consent of the Health Department, the Children's Aid Society and the Superintendent of Schools. This matter is now regulated by the State Board of Public Welfare under the authority of Sections 19 through 31, inclusive, of Article