

(A) ANY PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KILLS OR WOUNDS A BLACK BEAR IN DEFENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN LIFE, THE LIVES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS, OR THE LIVES OF ANIMALS ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROPERTY.

(B) IF THE SECRETARY ADOPTS ANY REGULATION, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY REGULATION, UNDER § 10-205 OR § 10-405 OF THIS TITLE TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING, POSSESSING, SELLING, PURCHASING, SHIPPING, CARRYING, TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING OF BLACK BEARS, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE REGULATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$57,000 \$1,500, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS, OR BOTH AND SUSPENSION OF THE PERSON'S HUNTING LICENSE AND RIGHT TO HUNT ANY BIRD OR GAME ANIMAL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$57,000 \$2,000, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR, OR BOTH AND SUSPENSION OF THE PERSON'S HUNTING LICENSE AND RIGHT TO HUNT ANY BIRD OR GAME ANIMAL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT EXCEEDING 4 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1619.

This bill deletes the provision that a nonstock voting membership in a consumer cooperative can be terminated if the member fails to patronize the facilities or vote for 3 consecutive years.

Senate Bill 889, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1619.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor