

(II) MAY USE ONLY A POWER DREDGE BAR THAT HAS A MINIMUM SIZE OF 36 INCHES UP TO A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 42 INCHES.

(F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY MAY VARY THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before January 1, 1998, the Department of Natural Resources is requested to prepare and submit to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee a report evaluating the impact of power dredging in Somerset County on the oyster resource, including statistical information on its effects on the oyster population and oyster habitat in the waters contiguous to Somerset County.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 24, 1995

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 524.

Senate Bill 524 makes changes in the law relating to the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City. Among other things, the bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages license from being transferred within certain areas of the 46th Legislative District in Baltimore City unless the license is for a hotel or an establishment that accommodates less than 150 persons at any one time or, if the establishment has a capacity of 150 persons or greater, in which the average daily receipts from the sale of food is at least 80 percent of the total daily receipts of the establishment. It is this provision, amended into the bill during the final moments of the 1995 Legislative Session, that causes me to veto the bill.

The amendment was an attempt to control the growth of large establishments which serve primarily alcoholic beverages and to address the litter, noise and other problems associated with such establishments. The author and supporters of the amendment are to be commended. They have identified and attempted to address a real problem for many residents of the area in and around Fells Point in Baltimore City, and I applaud their efforts.

While this amendment affects only certain areas of the 46th Legislative District, something that normally would receive local legislation deference, I have been asked by