

I am unwilling to give my approval to legislation on this subject except that it be the result of study and deliberation, because I am of the opinion that the sorely needed rehabilitation of the Chesapeake Bay can be accomplished only by that practice.

For the above reason, the bill will be vetoed.

#### SENATE BILL 313

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 12 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters", sub-title "Private Oyster Culture", as said Article was revised by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (z) of said Section 12 and to follow immediately after Sub-section (y) of said section, prohibiting the leasing of natural oyster rocks or bars in the Chesapeake Bay.

This bill repeats the present law which states that it is unlawful for the Department of Tidewater Fisheries to lease any natural oyster rock or bar. The bill neither diminishes nor extends the present authority of the Commission. While there is no serious objection to the bill, I feel that it would add unnecessary wording to the oyster law and for the sole reason of brevity, it will be vetoed.

#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

#### HOUSE BILL 507

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1264 and 1265 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (Flack's Edition, 1943), title "Sewers" as enacted by Chapter 183 of the Acts of 1939 and Sections 928A and 928B of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Sewers", to provide that permits for cesspools, etc., be issued by the County Sanitary Engineer instead of the County Board of Health.

This bill would authorize the county sanitarian to issue permits for cesspools, etc., without obtaining the approval of the county health officer. The Board of County Commissioners in each county is also the County Board of Health, and acting under them the county health officer is completely responsible for the public health work in that county, which includes the approval or disapproval of matters of this sort. To divide that responsibility would lead to confusion at the least, and for that reason I am vetoing the bill.