

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner advises me that the task of ascertaining whether applicants under this provision are really residents of Westminster or Easton would involve so much delay and investigation that it would be impracticable for him to assume it. For this reason, the bill will be vetoed.

### POTOMAC RIVER.

(Chapter 239, Senate Bill 127.)

This bill authorizes the fixing and marking of a line on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, and makes it unlawful to dredge or scrape oysters at any season of the year from the waters north of this line. The bill contemplated the passage of Senate Bill 164, opening the Potomac River to dredging. The Conservation Commissioner advises me that inasmuch as the latter bill did not pass, there is no need for Senate Bill 127, so this measure will be vetoed.

### PRACTICING LAW WITHOUT ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

(Chapter 176, House Bill 202.)

The existing law (Article 10, Section 19 of the Code) makes it a misdemeanor for any person to receive from any person whatsoever any fee for his advice as an attorney at law without having been admitted to the Bar.

House Bill 202 makes it unlawful for any person *or corporation* to receive, *directly or indirectly*, from any other person *or corporation* whatsoever any fee for the advice *or service* of an attorney at law, when such person shall not have been admitted to the Bar.

While the purpose of this bill may be quite different, yet its provisions raise the question whether, if this bill is approved, title companies, which by the existing law (Article 27, Section 19 of the Code) may examine and insure titles, would hereafter in so doing be really practicing law, and thus be subject to the penalties of this bill.

The object of House Bill 202, as explained to me, is to cover one exceptional case, but I do not believe this is important enough to run the risk to the established title company business which the possibility just suggested would involve. Indeed, it seems to me that the case in question could be met by disciplinary action, without legislation.