that it would materially affect the revenues of the Motor Vehicle and Conservation Departments, which departments are operated from such specifically dedicated funds. Under the circumstances, I feel compelled to veto the measure.

CUMBERLAND.

Chapter 104 (House Bill 160). Chapter 104 seeks to remove the present property qualifications for the Mayor and members of the City Council of Cumberland. I have recently signed Chapter 649, under the provisions of which the property qualifications are removed and which latter measure also extends the term and changes the salaries of the officials in question. However, the important difference in the Bills is, that in Chapter 649, a referendum is provided and the whole question will be submitted to the voters at the regular municipal election in March 1942. My opinion is that with the voters in a position to decide this question for themselves, this would be the better course and I am therefore vetoing House Bill 160.

DOG LICENSES.

Chapter 498 (Senate Bill 265). This measure seeks to exempt Calvert County from the State-wide dog law.

Citizens of the County have appealed to me to veto this measure, which would remove the general restrictions against permitting dogs to run at large. These citizens point out that the effect of this Bill becoming law would be adverse to the game population. At a recent meeting of the Calvert County Game Council, including many representative citizens, the proposal was discussed, after which those present unanimously opposed repealing the present statute.

No valid reason has been assigned as to why Calvert County should be exempted from the State-wide law, and if the general statute is advantageous elsewhere in the State, it would seem to be beneficial to the citizens of Calvert County also, providing the measure was properly enforced.

Under the circumstances, I am compelled to veto this measure.

Chapter 894 (House Bill 581). This Bill seeks to change the existing provisions relating to the issuance of dog licenses in Frederick County.

The County Commissioners of Frederick County contend that there are few provisions in the enactment which would be an improvement over the general dog license law. The Commissioners also point out that the provisions of the law, particularly Section 144-G, would be difficult or impossible of enforcement. Under the terms of the law, the County Com-