

By the terms of the Bill provision is made for the licensing of booby, brush or stake blinds on designated areas within Harford County for the shooting of wild water fowl.

The regulations of the office of the Chief of Engineers, War Department, prohibit the construction of blinds at the points sought to be used in this Bill.

The State Game and Inland Fish Commission also expresses disapproval of the measure. Conservationists, through their associations, and also individually, point out that the enactment is contrary to sound conservation policies and request its veto.

In view of the above facts, I feel compelled to veto House Bill No. 283.

Chapter 471 (House Bill 273). Chapter 472 (House Bill 274). These two measures provide for the free issuance of angler's and hunter's licenses to residents of Washington, Garrett and Allegany Counties who are 65 years of age or older,

The State Game and Inland Fish Commission strenuously opposes the approval of these measures and asks for their veto in the following memorandum:

"The Bills attempted to add new sections to Article 99 and Article 39. Chapter 471 adds a new section to 86A of Article 39 and provides as follows: 'Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article to the contrary, the respective Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Washington, Garrett and Allegany Counties shall without charge or compensation issue an angler's license to any applicant of their respective Counties who is, and satisfies such Clerk, that he is sixty-five (65) years of age or over and a resident of that respective County'.

"House Bill No. 274, Chapter 472, uses the same language only for the issuance of hunter's licenses. We oppose same. First, on the grounds that Senate Bill No. 81, Chapter 708, which was recently passed by the General Assembly of 1943, in Section 104 provides the manner in which angler's licenses shall be issued and Section 15 of the same Act provides the manner in which hunter's licenses may be issued. When angler's and hunter's licenses are printed, they are forwarded to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and our agents and an itemized list of the number of each angler's and hunter's license is reported to the Comptroller's Office and when the Clerks of the Courts or Agents sell angler's and hunter's licenses, they are responsible to the Comptroller for the monies received from the sale of same, and make a report to the Comptroller's Office the first of each and every month. Also report to this office. Therefore, the Comptroller's Office and this Commission may keep an accurate check on every license issued and at the end of the season the unsold licenses, both angler's and hunter's, are