

HOUSE BILL No. 765

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 25A, Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (e) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (d) of said Section 25A, relating to the payment of the titling tax on motor vehicles which are warranty replacements of other motor vehicles.

This Bill is intended to amend existing law to provide for the waiving of the excise tax on motor vehicle titles where warranty replacements are involved. I am informed that the Attorney General, in construing Section 25A of Article 66½ of the Code, held that its provisions were inapplicable to certain replacements which were made under a warranty. For that reason, I think the amendment is unnecessary. In addition, this Bill contains a provision for waiving the tax upon the determination by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that the original vehicle cannot be used upon the highways of this State. I am not informed of any instance which has arisen involving this particular aspect of the present Bill. However, because of the Attorney General's construction of the law, it seems to me that this amendment is unnecessary and I am, therefore, vetoing the Bill.

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILLS NOS. 429 AND 430

AN ACT to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Article 19A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Conservation of Natural Resources", sub-title "Board of Natural Resources", and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections to be known as Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Article and said sub-title, relating to the Board of Natural Resources, its composition, duties and powers and the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources in this State.

Senate Bill No. 429 provided for a reorganization of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, an expanded program of oyster propagation with the necessary authority, revenues and appropriations to effect this expanded program. Senate Bill No. 430, a companion measure, would reorganize the Board of Natural Resources and vest in a director of that agency the duty and power to coordinate, direct and supervise the operations of the State's departments dealing with natural resources.