

missioners to fix State bounties on fox and weasel pelts. The Game and Inland Fish Commission has informed me that though funds are sufficient to match the present county bounty rates, should additional counties authorize bounties for foxes and weasels, or should the rates be increased, there would be insufficient State funds to comply with the law.

For these reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 406 without my approval.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor

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May 7, 1951

Hon. John C. Luber
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill No. 637 would permit all persons over the age of 70 years to be entitled to a free angler's license. I believe that House Bill No. 637 is not in the best interests of the people of the State. It is true that probably there would not be a great number of such free licenses issued, but the granting of fishing and hunting licenses to any one group would reduce the revenue which goes toward the conservation of game and fish and the betterment of the sport. Such a privileged group would be an injury to sportsmen as a whole. Furthermore, the granting of special privileges to one particular group sets a bad precedent and is apt to lead to a demand for a wider extension of such privileges.

Therefore, I am returning House Bill No. 637 without my approval.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor

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Hon. John C. Luber
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill 688, relating to the issue of licenses for certain gill nets and for the use of such nets in the tidal waters of Maryland, is being returned without my approval.