

payment of a sum of money not in excess of one year's salary as provided by Section 560 of the City Charter (1949 Edition). To require the payment of a full pension to Mr. Langley would create an exception in the law for a single individual, which does not exist for anyone else. It should be noted that no claim was made for a one year lump sum payment under the provisions of Section 560, which is all that the law permits.

2. Legislative interference to overrule administrative determinations of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is unwise. Any allegedly arbitrary or capricious action can be judicially reviewed.

It appears from the papers submitted to me in this matter that there might possibly have been relief granted to Mr. Langley of a one year lump sum payment under Section 560, if timely application had been made and supporting proof offered as to his mental condition. Whether or not such an application could be entertained at this late date by the present Commissioner, to review the action of his predecessor in office is a question for determination by him, if and when presented. Such application, if accepted for determination, should rest in the sound discretion of the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

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Governor

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

May 5, 1953

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill No. 266 would prohibit haul seining in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay south of the Bay Bridge between midnight Friday and sunup Monday morning. The restriction does not apply in the waters of the Bay north of the bridge, nor in any part of Worcester County.

I have indicated my attitude towards conservation measures in the approval of various Acts passed at this session of the General Assembly, as well as at prior sessions. However, I have been unable to ascertain any reasonable relation between the discrimination established by this Bill and true conservation practices. If the elimination of haul seining in