

(1951 Edition). This bill amends Section 322 of Article 27 and authorizes a prize of \$100.00 in Baltimore City "in any one game or spin by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels or wheels of fortune". In my opinion it would not be wise or in the best interest of the public to enlarge the authorized prize limit of these gambling wheels. To do so might very well encourage attempts at operation of such games by undesirable elements under the guise of a charitable cause, as occurred with Bingo several years ago. Such a result would obviously do injury to legitimate charitable causes which the bill was actually intended to aid.

Therefore, since the bill serves no useful public purpose and does not accomplish the intention of the sponsors, it is hereby vetoed.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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HOUSE BILL NO. 768

May 6, 1953

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Bill No. 768, which I am returning herewith as vetoed, would make it unlawful to use drifting gill nets in the Patuxent River south of the Patuxent River Bridge. The restriction does *not* apply in the waters north of the bridge. I have been unable to ascertain any reasonable relation between the arbitrary dividing line established by this Bill and true conservation practices. If it is desirable to eliminate the use of drifting gill nets in the Patuxent River, no discernible basis appears for not applying the restriction both north and south of the Patuxent River Bridge.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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