

April 28, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith without my approval House Bill 357, which attempts to vest the Circuit Court of Washington County with authority to reduce the sentence of County jail prisoners. I concur in the conclusion of the Attorney General, supported by numerous Maryland decisions, that this bill is unconstitutional as an attempt to impose non-judicial administrative duties on the Judiciary.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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House Bill No. 366—Size of Commercial Fish

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 288 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Sizes of Commercial Fish", changing the legal size of rock or striped bass, sea trout or weakfish and hardheads or croakers AND RELATING TO THE AREA WHERE SAID REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

The original purpose of House Bill 366 was to increase the minimum legal size for rockfish from 11 inches to 12 inches. In the course of its passage, amendments were added to this bill which would extend by about one and one-half miles the area in which rockfish weighing more than fifteen pounds can legally be caught.

Since the bill as finally passed makes no change in the minimum size of rockfish, but does effect this harmful extension of area for taking rockfish above the weight limits, the Tidewater Fisheries Commission has recommended its veto in the interest of sound conservation. I therefore return House Bill 366 without my approval.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

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