

the State on possession and sale of rockfish. So construed, the statute would legalize the catching of rockfish from 15 to 25 pounds in weight, and at the same time prohibit their possession within the State of Maryland. This would require immediate export of such rockfish to some other State in which possession of rockfish, weighing between 15 and 25 pounds, is legal.

The difficulties of enforcement and anomalies inherent in either construction are strong but not necessarily controlling, considerations. However, I am advised that leading conservationists recommend the 15 pound weight limitation because the species above 15 pounds are the most prolific spawners and their preservation therefore extremely desirable. This would seem to be the controlling reason for the non-Statewide application of the present exception and a valid reason for continuing the present limitation, especially in the light of the patent ambiguities of the Bill.

I have therefore vetoed Senate Bill No. 140.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor.

Senate Bill No. 215—Harford County Assessors

AN ACT to add new Section 234 (j) AND NEW SECTION 235 (H) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "State Tax Commission", said new Sections to follow immediately after Section 234 (i) AND SECTION 235 (G) thereof, providing that the County Commissioners of Harford County may supplement the salary of the assessors.

April 15, 1957.

Hon. Louis L. Goldstein
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

By the terms of Senate Bill 215, increasing the salary of the Supervisor of Assessments for Harford County, it is not to be effective if House Bill 1 is enacted into law.

House Bill 1, providing a Statewide salary increase for Supervisors of Assessments, has now been signed by me.

I am, therefore, vetoing Senate Bill 215.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,
Governor.