

the present restrictions in other areas and, as a matter of public policy, cannot be sanctioned.

I have, therefore, vetoed House Bill 384.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 417—Taking bushel of oysters*

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 651 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", providing that IN ANNE ARUNDEL AND CALVERT COUNTIES a license shall not be required for the taking or catching of up to one bushel of oysters for the use and consumption of the person taking them and not being for sale or marketing.

March 30, 1957.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, House Bill No. 417.

This Bill would permit any citizen in Anne Arundel or Calvert County to take or catch up to one bushel of oysters for his own use and consumption without paying the present fee of \$3.75 for a tonging license.

House Bill No. 417—Makes no provisions for any limitation as to how often a person might take a bushel of oysters, the value of which probably is at least equal to, if not more than, the cost of a tonging license for one year. Therefore, in view of the desirability of having uniform license fees throughout the State, and the very great enforcement problem created by such exceptions as provided in House Bill No. 417, I have vetoed this bill.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor.

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* H. B. 417 was vetoed by the Governor on March 30, 1957. It was passed over his veto by the House of Delegates on March 30, and by the Senate on April 1, 1957, to become Chapter 444 of the Acts of 1957.