

relating to lapse of commercial net fishing licenses for non-use of the license.

May 4, 1959.

Honorable Perry O. Wilkinson
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

After discussions with the Chairman of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, and other people associated with the commercial fishing industry, I have reached the conclusion that House Bill 328 should be vetoed.

I am herewith returning to you House Bill 328 along with my veto message as is required by Article 2, Section 17 of the State Constitution.

Under the provisions of the Fishery Management Act of 1941, any person who holds a commercial net license and who fails to make a bona-fide use of his license within a period of two years, loses his license. The law states that his license lapses if not used for two consecutive years. House Bill 328 would extend this from two years to four consecutive years. Under the present Bill, a commercial fisherman could hold a license for a period up to four years without using the same, and not have the same lapse.

The Fishery Management Act of 1941 was enacted to implement a broad and comprehensive approach to the conservation of Maryland's fisheries through the media of positive and effective control and management. Each provision of the Act bears a definite relation, one to the other. No one provision of the Act may be changed without the entire Act being subjected to a corresponding alteration.

Over the years, since its passage, the Fishery Management Act has demonstrated its value in the field of fin fish conservation. Any change in the Act could do nothing otherwise than to nullify its effectiveness and tend to destroy the accomplishments gained as a result of the Act.

This Bill is in direct conflict with the intentions of this particular Act and, because of this, I feel I have no other choice than to veto the Bill.

Respectfully yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

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House Bill No. 338—Clerks of Courts; Bar Libraries

AN ACT to add Section 44A to Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", sub-title "General Duties of Clerks", said new section to follow immediately after Section 44 thereof, to provide that the cost of law books for the Court library in Baltimore County shall, upon approval by the Court, be allowed as an expense of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in an amount not exceeding ~~\$25,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 in any one year. AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ANY COUNTY AND