

certain designated buying stations. I am informed by the Attorney General that the bill is lacking in form and legal sufficiency. For the reasons given in the attached copy of his opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I am compelled to veto the measure.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

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Letter from State Law Department on S. B. 372

April 18, 1967.

The Honorable Spiro T. Agnew  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Agnew:

At your request, I have examined Senate Bill 372, in order to determine whether this Bill meets minimum constitutional requirements as to form and legal sufficiency.

The title of the Bill indicates the purpose of this amendatory legislation is to authorize the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to designate buying stations where oysters and clams may be sold by the catcher and to make it unlawful for a catcher to sell or a buyer to buy oysters and clams from a catcher at any place other than such designated buying stations. The body of the Bill incorporates an amendment which creates a clear exception to this general language, whereby any person may legally buy clams any place in Maryland from the catcher thereof for such person's own consumption or use as bait, but not for resale, subject to certain conditions.

In my view, the latest amendment incorporated in the Bill so clearly conflicts with the title and the title is in consequence thereof so clearly misleading, that I am unable to approve this Bill as to form and legal sufficiency. In this respect, this Bill fails to meet minimum constitutional requirements.

Sincerely yours,

(s) FRANCIS B. BURCH,

Attorney General.

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**Senate Bill No. 400. Legislative Council**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Legislative Council," increasing the number of members who compose the Legislative Council of Maryland and making provision for the ex officio and other members of the Legislative Council.