
1/As the intent is evidently to make special provision for those in the rightful possession of land, the reference to "owners and lessors" is probably intended to be "owners and lessees," as indicated in the title.

House Bill No. 1385

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Animal Traps

FOR the purpose of restricting the use of certain types of animal traps by owners and lessees of privately owned land in Harford County.

May 29, 1979

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1385.

This bill permits trappers in Harford County to use snares, body-gripping or leghold traps so long as they are on privately-owned land and the trap is not placed within 150 yards of a permanent human resident.

The Attorney General has advised me that this bill violates the prohibition against legislating for charter counties in matters covered by the Express Powers Act and therefore, it is not approved for constitutionality. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

House Bill 1368 addresses this same issue in Harford County and suffers from the same defect; accordingly, it has been vetoed.

For the reason stated, I have decided to veto House Bill 1385.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor
