

Senate Bill 1022, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 1, 1979, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 1716.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 1771

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Deer Hunting Fee

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to pay a certain sum for each deer killed to the certain county government governments in which the a deer is killed.

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 1771.

This bill provides that any county which hires any additional officer during the deer hunting season shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Natural Resources for this additional expense in an amount up to \$1 for each deer killed in that county.

The additional local revenue which this bill would generate for the respective subdivisions is negligible and the fiscal impact on the State might seem insignificant. However, the revenues derived from hunting license fees have not increased as rapidly as costs; consequently, even a modest loss places the Department and the program at a significant financial disadvantage. The economic impact of hunters upon the revenue of a local government is, in my view, more than sufficient to offset the slight cost associated with their regulation.