

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$700,000, the proceeds to be used for a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, repair, alteration, and improvement of the Baltimore Zoo, subject to the condition that Baltimore-City the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or the Baltimore Zoological Society or both provide at least an equal and matching fund of a certain kind for the same purpose by a certain date; and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

The President put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Affirmative: 0

Negative: 45

(See Roll Call No. 26)

The President announced the veto was sustained.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 530.

This bill prohibits political subdivisions or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from taking regulatory measures to prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting or other target shooting between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and midnight on any range or other property of a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of July 1, 1982. The prohibition against regulatory action does not apply if such a shooting club moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1982.

Current regulations of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provide an exemption from its general noise standards for sporting events occurring between 7:00 a.m. and midnight provided that all requirements of the local jurisdiction are met. These regulations, in my view, properly reflect deference to local community concerns related to noise control. As communities expand and houses are developed closer to these shooting ranges, it is important that a local jurisdiction have the authority to impose noise controls, as the circumstances require, so as to protect the public's health and welfare.