Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 297.

This bill permits the Department of Natural Resources to suspend certain fishing and crabbing lienses of any person who fails to appear in court for the violation of certain laws and also prohibits the Department from issuing a new license to the person until the person appears in court to answer the charges.

House Bill 373, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1983, accomplishes the same purpose by adding a new Section 4-701(f)(4) to the Natural Resources Article. Furthermore, House Bill 316, which is nearly identical to this bill, was signed by me today. The Attorney General advises that Senate Bill 297 apparently contains an incorrect cross reference and the same reference in House Bill 316 is apparently correct. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 297.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 297

AN ACT concerning

Fishing and Crabbing Licenses - Suspension for Failure to Appear in Court

FOR the purpose of requiring-a-court-in-this-State-and permitting the Department of Natural Resources to suspend certain fishing and crabbing licenses issued to any person who fails to appear in court for the violation of certain provisions of the Natural Resources Article; prohibiting the Department from issuing a new license to the person until the person appears in court to answer certain charges; and generally relating to the suspension of certain fishing and crabbing licenses for a failure to appear in court to answer certain charges.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources Section 4-1208 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources