

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 977.

This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to make an annual status report and recommendations to the General Assembly to terminate or continue the rockfish moratorium.

Senate Bill 704, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 28, 1985, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 977.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

House Bill No. 977

AN ACT concerning

Striped-Bass-or-Rockfish Fish Resources - Endangered or  
Threatened Fish - Moratorium - Annual Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to remove removing the ban on the taking, possession, sale, or transporting of striped bass or rockfish on a certain date if certain other jurisdictions do not impose certain moratoriums concerning striped bass or rockfish by a certain date, unless extended for certain periods of time by Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, and requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to make certain annual reports to the General Assembly and to the Governor on certain endangered or threatened species of fish on which the Secretary has declared a moratorium on catching, sale, or possession; requiring the Secretary's report to contain certain information; and generally relating to the Secretary's annual report on endangered or threatened fish subject to a moratorium.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-2A-05; ~~1~~ 4-2A-04(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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