

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 1087.

This bill increases the membership of the Patuxent River Commission from 10 to 11 by adding the Secretary of Agriculture, or a designee of the Secretary, and gives it the authority to establish and abolish nonvoting memberships.

Senate Bill 480, 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 1087.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

House Bill No. 1087

AN ACT concerning

Patuxent River - Policy Plan and Commission

FOR the purpose of redefining and standardizing references to the Patuxent River Policy Plan; deleting obsolete references to the development of an initial Plan; restating the effect of the Plan; establishing procedures for the amendment of the Plan; providing for the distribution of the Plan; providing for continuing review of information on the Patuxent River and its watershed; restating the duty of the Department of State Planning to make and assist others in making certain environmental assessments; indicating sources of funds and staff for the Patuxent River planning program; modifying provisions concerning annual reviews and reports; clarifying the authority of principal departments of the State government and the effect of the Patuxent River Commission on that authority; adding the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee of the Secretary as a member of the Patuxent River Commission; providing for nonvoting members of the Patuxent River Commission; providing for the election of officers of the Patuxent River Commission; restating certain duties of the Patuxent River Commission; making certain stylistic changes; and generally revising the laws concerning the Patuxent River Policy Plan and the Patuxent River Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,