

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 65.

This bill establishes a cost sharing program in the Department of Natural Resources for the control of phragmites on private land. The Department is required to pay 50 percent of the control costs, and the private landowner any remaining costs.

House Bill 70, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 65.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 65

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Phragmites – Cost Sharing Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to pay certain landowners a certain percentage of the costs associated with the management and control of the spread of phragmites on the landowner's property under a cost sharing program under certain circumstances; ~~authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Nontidal Wetlands Compensation Fund for certain purposes and in coordination with the Department of the Environment; *authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Wildlife Management and Protection Fund, the Wetlands Compensation Fund, and federal funds for certain purposes and in coordination with the Department of the Environment;*~~ authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to take certain actions necessary for managing and controlling the spread of phragmites; ~~*altering a certain reporting requirement;*~~ and generally relating to the management and control of the spread of phragmites.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 5-909(c)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

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