

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

10-308.1.

(f) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and Protection Fund from sales of the migratory wild waterfowl stamps shall be expended solely for [waterfowl] THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(I) WATERFOWL projects included in an approved State program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting cover, winter foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the habitat requirements of a broad range of wintering waterfowl and native waterfowl species; AND

(II) NOT MORE THAN 30% TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO CONTROL THE SPECIES PHRAGMITES COMMUNIS (PHRAGMITES) ON PRIVATE LANDS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act is contingent on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 5 of Chapter 460 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 2. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

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 74.

This bill authorizes a child placement agency, as guardian of a child, to consent to the joint guardianship, custody or other long-term placement of a child that the agency determines to be in the child's best interest and allows a court to award joint guardianship, custody, or other long-term placement deemed to be in the best interest of the child after any investigation and hearing the court considers necessary. If joint guardianship is awarded to a caregiver, the child placement agency retains guardianship with the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption.

House Bill 1400, 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 74.

Sincerely,