

major decisions. Indeed, the General Assembly has in the past enacted certain restrictions on the powers of an outgoing Governor.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 342.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 342

AN ACT concerning

Commission on Indian Affairs - Formal Recognition of Maryland Indian Status

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commission on Indian Affairs, after making certain determinations, to make certain recommendations to the Secretary of Housing and Community Development regarding the granting of formal recognition of Maryland Indian status to a certain tribe, band, group, or clan; requiring the Secretary to make certain recommendations to the Governor within a certain period of time; requiring the Governor to ~~propose an executive order to provide formal recognition to a certain tribe, band, group, or clan, upon receiving a recommendation by the Commission on Indian Affairs; providing for~~ accept or reject the recommendations made by the Commission on Indian Affairs within a certain period of time; prohibiting formal recognition to of a certain tribe, band, group, or clan, without unless the Governor proposing proposes an executive order granting formal recognition under certain circumstances; providing that the grant of formal recognition of Maryland Indian status under this Act may not be construed to create certain entitlements, benefits, or rights; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the formal recognition of Maryland Indian status.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

Section 5-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development

5-406.

(a) Subject to the approval of the Secretary, the Commission may establish a process by which a native American tribe, band, group, or clan which is indigenous to Maryland can apply to the Commission for formal recognition of Maryland Indian status.