

FISHING

HOUSE BILL 557

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish", sub-title "Regulations for Taking of Game and Fresh Water Fish in Non-Tidal Waters", said new section to be known as Section 104A and to follow immediately after Section 104 thereof, providing for the free issuance of Angler's licenses to persons aged sixty-five years and over.

This bill provides that a gratis fishing license be issued to residents of the State of Maryland sixty-five years and over. The Game and Inland Fish Commission are opposed to the bill on the ground that it sets a bad precedent for other groups who will eventually request gratis hunting licenses. At their request, the bill will be vetoed.

FREDERICK COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 908

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 11 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Frederick County", to be under a new sub-title "Moving Pictures", said new section to be known as Section 609, and to follow immediately after Section 608 of said Article, relating to the showing of moving pictures on Saturday afternoon in Frederick County.

Under Article 66A of the Code, the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors have authority to disapprove such motion pictures as are sacrilegious, obscene, indecent, inhuman or immoral or such as tend, in the judgment of the Board, to debase or corrupt morals or incite to crime.

This bill enacted as a local law of Frederick County would seek to impose upon the Board the duty of determining audience classification of the motion pictures it reviews, otherwise no pictures could be shown in Frederick County on Saturday afternoon. If the duties of the Board are to be changed, it should be accomplished by a change in the General Law and not by local act.

For the above reasons the bill will be vetoed.