

J. MILLARD TAWES, GOVERNOR

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Having received this assurance, I see no compelling reasons to change the appointive procedure provided for in the existing law and, accordingly, I am vetoing the Bill.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

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House Bill No. 955—Firearms on Oyster Boats

AN ACT to add new Section 154A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Firearms", to follow immediately after Section 154 thereof, making it a misdemeanor for any oyster tonging boat or any oyster tonger to carry firearms, other than shotguns, while engaged in oyster tonging activities, and providing a penalty for convictions thereof.

May 3, 1961.

Honorable Perry O. Wilkinson
Speaker of the House
6404 Queens Chapel Road
University Park, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill No. 955 and in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I am returning this bill to you along with my veto message.

House Bill No. 955, which was introduced by Delegate E. Homer White, Jr., of Wicomico County, was designed to make it illegal to carry fire arms, other than shot guns, on any boat in this State which was engaged in the tonging of oysters.

Since the adjournment of the General Assembly, the sponsor of this bill has contacted my office and advised that the bill as amended does not accomplish the purpose for which it was introduced and he has requested that I veto the same.

The Chairman of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries has also advised that the bill, in its final form, is undesirable and deserving of my veto.

Based upon the request of the sponsor and the recommendation of the Chairman of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, I feel compelled to exercise my right of veto in regard to this legislation.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.

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