

On May 4 of this year, I received a letter from the Attorney General, a copy of which is attached and to be considered a part of this message, advising that in the opinion of that office, the bill was unconstitutional. In light of this advice, I felt that I could not sign the same into law.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on S. B. 480

May 4, 1966.

The Honorable J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Senate Bill 480

Dear Governor Tawes:

I have reviewed Senate Bill 480 and advise your withholding approval of that Bill because its title indicates that it repeals and reenacts with amendments Section 673 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, but in the body of the Bill in Section 1 thereof, the Legislature failed to repeal and reenact the said Section 673. This omission, which cannot be explained because the error was in the first reader also, is fatal to this Bill in its present form.

Since the Bill does not do what the title states it does, it is in contravention of Article III, Section 29 of the Maryland Constitution.

Very truly yours,

(s) THOMAS B. FINAN,

Attorney General.

Senate Bill No. 496—Somerset and Worcester Counties—Crabs

AN ACT to add new Section 321 to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," to follow immediately after Section 320 thereof, to prohibit any person other than residents of Somerset and Worcester Counties respectively from taking crabs from the waters of their respective counties by means of crab pots. TO ALLOW RESIDENTS OF WORCESTER AND SOMERSET COUNTIES TO TAKE CRABS FROM THE WATERS OF EACH COUNTY RESPECTIVELY BY MEANS OF CRAB POTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE