

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1253 – *Natural Resources – Commercial Fishing – Licensing*.

This bill alters the annual fees and surcharges for specified commercial fishing licenses and authorizations and requires that specified tidal fish licensees obtain a harvester registration from the Department of Natural Resources. The bill authorizes the Department to issue a permit authorizing a person to commercially harvest specified fish species, subject to specified annual fees and repeals provisions of law that authorize the Department to establish and issue a commercial fishing apprenticeship permit.

Senate Bill 662, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1253.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley