

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 416 – *Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact – Amendment I – Adoption*.

This bill repeals contingency language in Chapter 123 of 1978, which enacts Amendment I to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; and allows Amendment I, which permits two or more states that participate in the compact, to designate the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint regulatory agency to regulate specific fisheries in which the states have a common interest, to take effect with respect to the states that have adopted the amendment. This bill also restricts withdrawal from the amendment.

Senate Bill 393, 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 416.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor