

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 306 – *Natural Resources – Aquaculture – Shellfish Nursery Permits*.

This bill prohibits a person from engaging in the commercial rearing of shellfish seed outside specified leased areas without first obtaining a shellfish nursery permit from the Department of Natural Resources. This bill places limitations on the issuance and scope of a permit for land-based and in-water shellfish nursery operations and exempts shellfish nursery products from specified water quality classifications and restrictions.

Senate Bill 464, 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 306.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley