

(d) (1) This section does not authorize the Department to adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, or noise control rules and regulations that apply to noise from:

(i) Construction or repair work on public property; or

(ii) Fire or rescue station alerting devices.

(2) Noise control rules and regulations that apply to Department of Transportation facilities shall be adopted jointly by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with this Act, are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 530.

This bill prohibits political subdivisions or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from taking regulatory measures to prohibit trapshooting, skeetshooting or other target shooting between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and midnight on any range or other property of a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of July 1, 1982. The prohibition against regulatory action does not apply if such a shooting club moves to a parcel of land that is not contiguous to the location of the club on July 1, 1982.

Current regulations of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provide an exemption from its general noise standards for sporting events occurring between 7:00 a.m. and midnight provided that all requirements of the local jurisdiction are met. These regulations, in my view, properly reflect deference to local community concerns related to noise control. As communities expand and houses