

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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 232 – *Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small Businesses*.

This bill establishes a Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small Businesses that will be staffed by the Board of Public Works. The bill specifies the membership and duties of the Task Force, requires the Governor to appoint a chair of the Task Force, and prohibits the members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizes specified reimbursement. The bill also requires the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2005.

Senate Bill 319, 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 232.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 232

AN ACT concerning

~~Procurement—Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation~~

Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small Businesses

~~FOR the purpose of establishing a preference for certain disabled veterans for certain procurements; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to jointly establish certain procurement goals with certain procurement units; requiring certain procurement units to determine if certain responsible bidders or offerors have acted in good faith to fulfill certain procurement goals; establishing criteria for determining if certain responsible bidders and offerors acted in good faith to fulfill certain procurement goals; requiring a certain agency to establish certain regulations to certify and decertify disabled veteran business enterprises; requiring a certain agency to designate a certain advocate to oversee, promote, and coordinate disabled veteran business enterprise participation; requiring certain procurement units to adopt certain rules and regulations; requiring certain procurement units to designate a certain advocate to oversee, promote, and coordinate disabled veteran business enterprise participation; requiring certain procurement units to make certain reports on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to make certain reports on or~~