

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 825 – *Frederick County – Fire and Rescue Services – Collective Bargaining*.

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to allow voluntary collective bargaining concerning wages and benefits between the Board and a specified employee organization that represents employees of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services; etc.

Senate Bill 789, 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 825.

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

House Bill No. 825

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Fire and Rescue Services – Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to allow voluntary collective bargaining concerning wages and benefits between the Board and a certain organization that represents employees of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services; authorizing certain collective bargaining to include a memorandum of understanding concerning wages and benefits; specifying that a memorandum of understanding shall bind the Board and a certain organization for a certain period of time; authorizing the Board to designate individuals to negotiate on its behalf; providing that this Act does not allow certain employees to strike and does not require collective bargaining or any method, means, or scope of bargaining between certain entities; providing that this Act does not authorize binding interest arbitration; defining certain terms; and generally relating to Frederick County and collective bargaining.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Frederick County
Section 2-8-7
Article 11 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2004 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 11 – Frederick County