

guarantee should permit higher wages, or at least the establishment of a minimum, for participants in the affected workshops.

An unintended effect of House Bill 844 would be to extend the sub-minimum wage limitation to those workshops not benefitting from the State program, including work activity centers where therapeutic goals often displace product marketability in relative importance. Coverage of these additional workshops under the provisions of the bill would perhaps force the closing, or a reduction in the number of participants, of some workshops affected by the sub-minimum wage limitation.

Upon learning of the unintended consequences that would result from implementation of this measure, the Maryland Association of Workshops, Inc., the primary proponent of this legislation, requested that I veto House Bill 844. It is my understanding that the sponsor concurs with this decision and that appropriate legislation on this subject will be introduced at the 1986 Session of the General Assembly.

Therefore, for the above reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 844.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

House Bill No. 844

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Sheltered Workshops

FOR the purpose of amending the definition of "sheltered workshop" to require that any sheltered workshop must be accredited ~~as-a-regular-work--program~~ by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to be eligible for a certain contracting preference under the State procurement law; and requiring a sheltered workshop to pay participants at least a certain amount; and providing for a certain contingency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 21 - Procurement  
Section 8-201  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)