

(1) COLLECT THE FEES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION FOR LICENSING OF THE FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS;

(2) KEEP RECORDS OF ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;
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(3) PAY ALL MONEYS COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE; ~~AND~~

(4) INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS LICENSING SUBTITLE; AND

(5) ISSUE A FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.

14A.

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions in §§ 1 through 14 of this article, the powers, duties and jurisdiction conferred by these sections upon the State Fire Prevention Commission and the State Fire Marshal and any code, regulation or practice promulgated by them under the authority thereof shall not apply to or within Baltimore City except THOSE PROVISIONS OF §§ 3 AND 8 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT PERTAIN TO THE LICENSING OF FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS AND on properties owned or operated by the State of Maryland. The State Fire Code shall apply in Baltimore City to hospitals, nursing homes and similar institutions which require State licensure.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not supersede any local law or ordinance that establishes standards or qualifications for fire sprinkler contractors involved in the installation, inspection, testing, repair, or modification of any fire sprinkler system.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 628.

This bill exempts national banks that do not maintain a branch in this State from the registration and qualification requirements for foreign corporations doing business in the State. Under current law a national bank is only exempt if its main office is located in the State. Foreign corporations must file a registration of name annually and undertake business permitted under the laws of the State. Also, for foreign corporations certain activities do not constitute intrastate, interstate, or foreign business.

House Bill 616, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date,