

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~7~~ 4 5 years and, at the end of June 30, ~~2010~~ 2007 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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May 22, 2003

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 547 – Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products.

This bill establishes a 17-member Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and other Agricultural Products. The Task Force must evaluate options and develop strategies for the marketing of grain (particularly soybeans) and other products, including an analysis of the feasibility of reestablishing a grain export facility at the Port of Baltimore and establishing new transport options from alternative locations in Central Maryland.

Senate Bill 367, 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 547.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**House Bill No. 547**

AN ACT concerning

**Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate a certain Task Force chairman; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide certain staffing; prohibiting a Task Force member from receiving certain compensation and authorizing the receipt of certain reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment, membership, and duties of the Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: