

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 5 months and, at the end of October 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 863 – Maryland Service Contracts and Consumer Products Guaranty Act.

The bill changes the name of the “Maryland Consumer Products Guaranty Act” to the “Maryland Service Contracts and Consumer Product Guaranty Act.” It applies to a provider of a service contract the legal mandates applicable to a guarantor of a consumer product guaranty.

Senate Bill 543, 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 863.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 863

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Service Contracts and Consumer Products Guaranty Act

FOR the purpose of making certain provisions that apply to guaranties of consumer products applicable to service contracts; requiring service contracts to be in writing and to include certain information and terms; authorizing the cancellation of a service contract by a certain person under certain circumstances; providing that certain service contracts are void under certain circumstances; requiring a provider of a service contract to pay or credit the account of a certain person who has canceled a service contract a certain amount under certain circumstances; requiring a provider of a service contract to fulfill obligations under the service contract at a certain time and for a certain duration; providing that a service contract is extended automatically under certain circumstances; requiring a provider to provide a certain explanation of reasons for delay in fulfilling the terms of the service contract under certain circumstances; providing that certain duties of a provider may not be imposed on the provider under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General