

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 150.

This bill, as introduced, intended to limit the exemptions from the provisions of the High-Voltage Line Act by requiring that certain contractors working on high voltage lines be experienced and have a reputation for expertise in this particular type of work. However, the bill was amended to add additional exemptions to the High-Voltage Line Act which, in my view, will increase the risk of accidental injury or death to Maryland workers from electrocution because certain safety precautions required by the High-Voltage Line Act might not be taken.

For these reasons, and with the agreement of the sponsor, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 150.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 240

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Vehicle Operation - Liability

FOR the purpose of providing that certain operators of certain emergency vehicles are not liable for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; providing that owners or lessees of emergency vehicles are liable for certain acts or omissions of authorized operators of emergency vehicles under certain circumstances; providing for limitations on liability; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the liability of certain emergency vehicle operations in this State.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section 19-103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1977 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows: