

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. 150

AN ACT concerning

High-Voltage or Telephone Lines - Exemptions

FOR the purpose of defining the term contractor for purposes of this subtitle; limiting the exemption from the provisions of the High-Voltage Line Act for certain contractors of public utilities to construction, repair, and maintenance work; exempting the construction and maintenance of certain highway equipment from the provisions of this Act; and making stylistic and structural changes.

BY repealing

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry
Section 63
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

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The President put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive

The roll call vote resulted as follows: