

The President announced the veto was sustained.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 625.

This bill provides a defense to a product liability action against a seller for property damage or personal injury caused by the defective design or manufacture of a product. The seller must establish that the product was sold or leased in a sealed container or in an unaltered form; that he had no knowledge or way to discover the defect.

House Bill 1067, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 625.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 625

AN ACT concerning

Product Liability - Sealed Container Defense

FOR the purpose of providing an-affirmative a defense that can be raised to certain actions by certain product sellers who could not reasonably be expected to know of defects in the products; providing for certain exceptions; providing for the entry of summary judgment or the reinstatement of certain actions under certain circumstances; defining terms; and generally relating to the nonliability of the sellers of products.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-309  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)