

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 844 – *Protected Lands – Local Land Use Applications – County Authority*.

This bill authorizes a county or municipal corporation to deny applications for local land use, under specified circumstances, when the land is protected under specified land conservation programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

House Bill 1277, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 844.

Very truly yours,
 Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 844

AN ACT concerning

Protected Lands – Local Land Use Applications – County Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipal corporation to deny certain applications for local land use, under certain circumstances, when the land is protected under certain programs within the Department of Natural Resources; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to protected lands under the authority of the Department of Natural Resources or its programs.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
 Section 1-404
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

1-404.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.