

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

2. Definitions.

(k) "Units sold" means the number of individual cigarettes:

(1) sold in the State by the applicable tobacco product manufacturer, whether directly or through a distributor, retailer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, during the year in question; and

(2) as measured by excise taxes collected by the State on packs [or] (OR "roll-your-own" tobacco [containers] CONTAINERS) bearing the excise tax stamp of the State OR ON UNSTAMPED "ROLL-YOUR-OWN" TOBACCO CONTAINERS, WITH EACH 0.09 OUNCES OF "ROLL-YOUR-OWN" TOBACCO EQUALING ONE (1) UNIT SOLD. The State Comptroller shall promulgate regulations necessary to ascertain the amount of State excise tax paid on the cigarettes of such tobacco product manufacturer for each year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1104 - *Public Safety - Fire Companies - Limited Access to Private Water Sources*.

This bill authorizes a fire company, if there is no other water system available to extinguish a fire or mitigate an emergency, to enter private property to obtain water from a private water source to extinguish the fire or mitigate the emergency incident.

Senate Bill 562, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1104.

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

House Bill No. 1104

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