

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1463 – *State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act*.

This bill requires the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set specified energy performance standards to require reductions of energy consumption in State buildings by specified dates; requires State agencies to conduct energy consumption analyses; requires State agencies to update energy conservation plans; and provides an exception for specified buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

Senate Bill 267, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1463.

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

House Bill No. 1463

AN ACT concerning

State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act

FOR the purpose of altering certain dates and certain percentages in the provisions of law that require the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set certain energy performance standards that require certain reductions of energy consumption in State buildings; providing a certain exception for certain buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation; altering the date by which State agencies are required to conduct energy consumption analyses of each building under their jurisdiction; altering the date by which State agencies are required to update certain energy conservation plans by a certain date; and generally relating to improving energy efficiency and conservation in State buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 4–806

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 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 – State Finance and Procurement