

May 26, 2005

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 464 – *State Government – Energy Efficiency Standards*.

This bill alters the minimum efficiency standards for specific products and repeals certain minimum efficiency standards for specified products. It authorizes the Maryland Energy Administration to limit certain delays and requires the Administration to adopt procedures for testing the energy efficiency of new products by rule, after public notice and comment. Finally, Senate Bill 464 authorizes manufacturers who make specified certifications in other states to use the same certifications in Maryland under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1030, 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 464.

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

Senate Bill No. 464

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Energy Efficiency Standards – ~~Technical Corrections~~

FOR the purpose of altering certain minimum efficiency standards for certain products; repealing certain minimum efficiency standards for certain products; authorizing the Maryland Energy Administration to limit certain delays for certain categories of products; requiring the Administration to adopt certain procedures by rule after notice and comment; authorizing certain manufacturers who make certifications in other states based on standards that are equal to or more stringent than the standards in Maryland to use the same certification in Maryland that was used in other states under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain labeling requirements; requiring certain labels on certain products; setting forth the effective date for the implementation of certain efficiency standards; providing for a delayed effective date for certain labeling requirements; defining certain terms; altering certain terms; and generally relating to energy efficiency standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2006