

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 857 – *Consumer Protection – Enforcement Authority of Consumer Protection Division*.

This bill alters the stipulations or conditions that the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General may include in a written assurance of discontinuance, settlement agreement, or cease and desist order provided for under specified provisions of the Consumer Protection Act. The bill also requires the Division to consider specified criteria in determining the amount of security a violator or alleged violator of the Consumer Protection Act must post under specified circumstances.

House Bill 507, 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 857.

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

**Senate Bill No. 857**

AN ACT concerning

**Consumer Protection – Enforcement Authority of Consumer Protection Division**

FOR the purpose of altering the stipulations or conditions that the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General may include in a written assurance of discontinuance, settlement agreement, or cease and desist order provided for under certain provisions of the Consumer Protection Act; requiring the Division to consider certain criteria in determining the amount of security a certain person must post under certain circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the enforcement authority of the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Commercial Law  
Section 13-402(b) and 13-403(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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