

procurement resources than the present method. Costs associated with such an undertaking would include initial analysis, increased cost to purchase of products, maintenance and disposal.

My Administration has doubled the prior Administration's Green Energy Procurement goals. Along with the Bay Restoration Fund, the Department of General Services conducted a reverse energy auction for the procurement of electricity. As a result of that procurement, approximately 13% of the electricity supplied to State executive departments and agencies will be environmentally friendly "green power" which consists of electricity produced with renewable resources. This more than doubles the goal set in 2001 by Executive Order 01.01.2001.02 – *Sustaining Maryland's Future with Clean Power, Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency*. That executive order calls for the procurement of electricity for use within State owned facilities with a goal of only 6% to be generated from Green Energy.

Maryland receives a large amount of federal funding for construction projects. Additional costs for environmentally preferable products and equipment may not be covered by federal standards, thus leaving additional cost to the State. These are expenditures the State is not currently in a position to undertake and cannot afford. I am still not persuaded that this legislation will be helpful to Maryland.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 346.

Yours very truly,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 346

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Percentage Price Preference – Environmentally Preferable Products or Equipment

FOR the purpose of providing a certain price preference for environmentally preferable products or equipment under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations concerning the establishment of a certain percentage price preference; requiring certain units of State government to establish a list of acceptable environmentally preferable products or equipment; requiring each unit of State government to review certain procurement specifications and, to the extent practicable, require the use of a percentage price preference in their purchase of environmentally preferable products or equipment; defining a certain term; repealing certain obsolete language; and generally relating to a percentage price preference for the procurement of environmentally preferable products or equipment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–405
Annotated Code of Maryland