

BIND THE STATE OR GIVE CONSENT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BIND THE STATE TO THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT RULES OF A SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any consent that a State official, including the Governor, has given for the State of Maryland to be bound by the government procurement rules of any international trade agreement on or before the effective date of this Act is declared invalid and the State of Maryland is not bound by the government procurement rules of any international trade agreement for which a State official, including the Governor, has given consent for the State of Maryland to be bound to on or before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a copy of this Act be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger III, Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

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 541 – *Frederick County – Collective Bargaining – Representatives for Deputy Sheriffs*.

This bill authorizes the representatives of specified full-time deputy sheriffs in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to collectively bargain with the Sheriff of Frederick County concerning wages and benefits, requires that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated agreement be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners for Frederick County, and provides for the procedures for certifying a labor organization as an exclusive representative and for collective bargaining negotiations.

Senate Bill 352, 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 541.