Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 575.

This bill improves economic development efforts in the area of international trade by establishing a State Trade Policy Council to provide advice to the Governor and General Assembly on Maryland's role in international trade and creating an Office of International Trade within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

House Bill 1327, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1985, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 575.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 575

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development - International Trade

FOR the purpose of improving economic development efforts in the area of international trade by establishing a State Trade Policy Council to provide advice to the Governor and General Assembly on Maryland's role in international trade and creating an Office of International Trade within the Department of Economic and Community Development; providing that the Trade Policy Council shall consist of a certain membership, with certain terms and duties; providing—that the—Trade—Policy—Council shall—not—be—subject—to—certain laws; providing a certain termination date for the existence of the Trade Policy Council; establishing certain powers and duties of the Office on International Trade; providing for the funding and personnel of the Office; imposing certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to the implementation of a comprehensive State international trade program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 257D(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)