

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

AN ACT concerning

Evidence - Public Records - Admissibility

FOR the purpose of clarifying the law to indicate that public records of agencies of the federal government, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the federal government are admissible in any court as evidence without the testimony of the custodian under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-204.

A copy of a public record, book, paper, or proceeding of any agency OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ANY TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR of any state or of any of its political subdivisions or of an agency of any political subdivision shall be received in evidence in any court if certified as a true copy by the custodian of the record, book, paper, or proceeding, and if otherwise admissible.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

June 2, 1987

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 469.