

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

(5) (I) IF THE INTEREST OF THE OWNER IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS REDEEMED BY THE OWNER, THE SECURED PARTY SHALL MAIL A NOTICE OF THE REDEMPTION TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE REDEMPTION.

(II) IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HAS BEEN REPOSSESSED BY THE SECURED PARTY, THE SECURED PARTY SHALL RETURN THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE SEIZING AGENCY WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE REDEMPTION.

(III) THE SEIZING AGENCY AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY THEN PROCEED WITH THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR PROCEEDS, AND ALL TIME LIMITATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR NOTICE AND FILING OF THE PETITION FOR FORFEITURE SHALL RUN FROM THE DATE OF THE REDEMPTION OR PURCHASE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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May 27, 1988

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 807.

I have several major concerns about this legislation. First, it requires a business to be licensed instead of the technician who actually performs the work. While that approach is laudable, it does not ensure that the workforce of the contractors will be competent.

Second, the regulatory scope of the bill is very limited. It only pertains to the installation of systems, and it does not address replacement, maintenance or repair. Essentially, this legislation will regulate the one area in which there have been no particular problems. Since that is the case, it is unnecessary.

Third, the legislation creates a dual licensing requirement for businesses. Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration contractors are already subject to the laws which