

## VETOES

in the fund. Given this State's recent history, however, the effect of this language is not free from doubt. There are also other interpretative questions raised by the proposed legislation.

Nevertheless, I remain concerned about the inability of municipalities and small businesses to obtain the required financial assurance. By this letter, I am directing the Insurance Commissioner to work with the insurance industry to make reasonable coverage available through the Commercial Casualty Underwriting Association (CCUA). And because I am especially concerned about municipalities who are unable to financially respond to a release, I am directing the Department of the Environment to utilize existing funds for containment, clean-up, and restoration to assist the municipalities this year. Appropriate State agencies shall immediately begin to identify and develop an adequate assurance mechanism to address this serious problem.

For the longer term, I will also appoint a special workgroup to review and evaluate the problem of underground storage tanks, and proposed legislative solutions to the environmental and financial issues that are present. The workgroup will be composed of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the Secretary of the Department of the Environment, the Insurance Commissioner, a member of the Governor's immediate staff, a representative of the Maryland Municipal League, a representative of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker and the President, and other members as necessary. The workgroup should make legislative recommendations for the 1990 Session of the General Assembly.

For the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 581.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 581

AN ACT concerning

Water Quality - Maryland Oil Disaster Containment,  
Clean-up and Contingency Fund and  
Maryland Underground Storage Tank Fund

FOR the purpose of prohibiting--a--person--from--transferring gasoline--into--the--State--without--a--license;--requiring--a licensee--to--pay--a--fee--per--gallon--of--gasoline--transferred into--the--State;--including--a--fee--to--transfer--gasoline--within the--fees--to--be--paid--into--the--Maryland--Oil--Disaster