

VETOES

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1070.

This bill enacts the Maryland Uniform Trade Secrets Act by establishing provisions relating to injunctive relief, damages, and court procedures regarding trade secrets.

Senate Bill 667, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1070.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 1070

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Trade Secrets Act

FOR the purpose of enacting the Maryland Uniform Trade Secrets Act; specifying rights regarding injunctive relief for actual or threatened misappropriation of trade secrets; specifying damages for misappropriation of trade secrets, including willful and malicious misappropriation; ~~authorizing the court to award attorney fees in certain circumstances; authorizing the court to award attorney's fees in certain circumstances;~~ requiring the court to preserve the secrecy of alleged trade secrets; establishing a statute of limitations; specifying that this Act displaces conflicting laws; providing for the construction and application of this Act; defining certain terms; making this Act inapplicable to certain misappropriations before the Act's effective date; and generally relating to misappropriation of trade secrets.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section ~~12-1101~~ 11-1201 through ~~12-1109~~ ~~12-1108~~ 11-1209 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle ~~11~~ 12. Maryland Uniform Trade Secrets Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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