

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 141.

This bill clarifies that a principal contractor is not liable for workers' compensation coverage for corporate officers or members of limited liability companies who elect to be exempt from coverage under the workers' compensation law, or partners in a partnership or sole proprietors who do not elect to be covered by the workers' compensation law.

House Bill 226, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 141.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 141**

AN ACT concerning

**Workers' Compensation – Exempt Employees of Subcontractors – Liability of Principal Contractor**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a principal contractor is not liable for workers' compensation coverage for certain individuals who elect, or who do not elect, to be exempt from coverage under the workers' compensation law; establishing a certain presumption; and generally relating to the exemption from coverage of the workers' compensation law of certain individuals who do work as a subcontractor for a principal contractor.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment  
Section 9-206, 9-219, and 9-227  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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