

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 371.

This bill provides that the Governor must include in the annual budget bill a proposed general fund appropriation to the Maryland Tourism Development Board of \$4 million in Fiscal Year 1999, \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2000, and \$6 million in Fiscal Year 2001. The Office of Tourism Development must spend in each of these years a specified portion of their budget appropriation on tourism advertising and promotion.

House Bill 685, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 371.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 371**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Tourism Development – Funding**

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum amount of funds the Governor must include in the annual budget bill for the Maryland Tourism Development Fund for certain fiscal years; specifying certain fiscal years in which the Governor must include a certain minimum amount of funding for the Office of Tourism Development and in which the Office must spend a certain portion of its budget appropriation on tourism marketing; requiring the Maryland Tourism Development Board and the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to submit a certain annual report to the Legislative Policy Committee in certain years; ~~extending the termination date~~ repealing the termination of certain funding requirements ~~to a certain date~~; and generally relating to tourism development.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development  
Section 4-208  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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