

deserving, it should not come at the expense of our citizens when such failures lead to injury and death. Any Maryland family who has a family member harmed or killed because of a Y2K failure should have the right to seek recourse from all responsible parties.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 8.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 8

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law - Year 2000 Commerce Protection Act

FOR the purpose of creating the Year 2000 Commerce Protection Act to establish certain remedies ~~for Maryland government, business, commerce, and consumers~~ for damages caused by the failure of information technology ~~products, products, or services~~ because of certain date data problems; providing for certain damages under certain circumstances; providing for ~~certain standards of liability and for certain defenses~~; ~~limiting certain actions under certain circumstances~~; ~~clarifying certain responsibilities of officers and directors of corporations and certain other persons regarding due diligence~~; ~~clarifying the discoverability of certain information and documents~~ a certain affirmative defense; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to remedies ~~for Maryland government, business, commerce, and consumers~~ for damages caused by the failure of information technology products, products, or services because of date data problems under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law
Section 11-203(12) and (13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
Section 11-203(14); and 21-101 through ~~21-107~~ 21-104, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 21. Maryland Year 2000 Commerce Protection Act"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Commercial Law