

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 364 – Tobacco Authority – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

This bill extends the sunset date for the Tobacco Authority. In addition the bill requires the Tobacco Authority to issue an annual report to the General Assembly on the status of tobacco growing in the State.

House Bill 353, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 364.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 364

AN ACT concerning

Tobacco Authority – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the Tobacco Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Tobacco Authority; requiring that an evaluation of the Tobacco Authority and the statutes and regulations of the Tobacco Authority be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Tobacco Authority to issue a certain report to the General Assembly containing certain information by a certain date annually; and generally relating to the Tobacco Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 7-201.1 and 7-206(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8-403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume)

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