

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 397 – Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act – Scope.

This bill adds three exemptions to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) which recognizes the legality and enforceability of electronic records and signatures. The bill also makes several changes to bring UETA into compliance with the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act.

House Bill 519, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 397.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 397

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act – Scope

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the provisions of the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act from modifying, limiting, or superseding certain provisions of the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; exempting certain notices of product recall or material failure of a product, certain documents that accompany toxic or dangerous materials, and transactions governed by certain laws governing family law from the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; repealing provisions of the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act that exempt certain records from the scope of the Act and allow governmental agencies to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; specifying that the provisions of this Act are intended by the General Assembly to be consistent with a certain federal act; and generally relating to the scope of the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 21-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article – Commercial Law