

clothes washers will cause the prices to increase at multi-housing (college dormitories, elderly housing, etc.) and coin-operated laundry facilities. This will have a disproportionate impact on poorer subdivisions around the state. Also, consumers looking to purchase ceiling fans will have no choice but to purchase the more expensive fans with higher efficiency standards. Consumers currently have the option to purchase these fans if they choose to do so.

Finally, our surrounding states do not have these standards. By adopting this legislation, Maryland would risk losing businesses to its neighboring states that have friendlier business climates.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 394.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 394

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations establishing by a certain date to establish certain minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products sold in the State; prohibiting certain new products from being sold or offered for sale in the State on or after certain dates unless the products meet the minimum energy efficiency standards; prohibiting certain new products from being installed in the State on or after a certain date unless the products meet the minimum energy efficiency standards; authorizing the Administration to delay the effective date of certain standards for up to a certain period in certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to adopt certain testing procedures and labeling requirements; providing for the certification of new products; authorizing the Administration to test certain products and make certain inspections to determine compliance; requiring the Administration to work with the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding certain inspections; authorizing the Administration to investigate certain complaints; authorizing the Attorney General to institute certain enforcement proceedings; providing for certain penalties; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Administration to monitor a certain study, to conduct a certain assessment, and to report by a certain date; defining certain terms; requiring the Governor, upon a certain contingency, to reassign a certain obligation under this Act to a certain State agency; providing for the termination of a portion of this Act; and generally relating to energy efficiency standards for certain products.

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 9–2006
Annotated Code of Maryland