

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 724 – Motor Vehicle Law – Railroad Grade Crossing Violations and Penalties.

This bill establishes requirements for commercial motor vehicle operators and their employers related to railroad grade crossings. The bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify a commercial driver from driving for a specified period of time if the driver is convicted of violating federal, state, or local laws or regulations pertaining to railroad crossings. The bill establishes penalties for employers who knowingly require or otherwise permit a commercial driver to violate provisions relating to railroad crossings. It further establishes additional duties on a commercial motor vehicle when approaching a railroad crossing.

House Bill 1050, 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 724.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 724

AN ACT concerning

#### **Motor Vehicle Law – Railroad Grade Crossing Violations and Penalties**

FOR the purpose of establishing certain violations for operators of commercial motor vehicles and their employer related to railroad grade crossings; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify an individual who is convicted of certain violations from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a certain period of time; providing that an employer of an operator of a commercial motor vehicle who is convicted of certain violations shall be subject to a certain civil penalty; and generally relating to railroad grade crossing violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 16-806, 16-812, and 27-101.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume)

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