

expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, [2003] 2005, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 49 – Vehicle Laws – Suspension of Driver's License – Theft of Motor Fuel.

This bill authorizes for a first offense and requires for a second or subsequent offense the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for 30 days the driver's license of a person who is convicted of theft for failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed into a vehicle. A court is required to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of violations involving the theft of motor fuel.

Senate Bill 282, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 49.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 49

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Suspension of Driver's License – Theft of Motor Fuel

FOR the purpose of authorizing for a first offense, and requiring for a second or subsequent offense, the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend, for a certain period of time, the driver's license of a person who is convicted of a theft offense involving the failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed