

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 215 – Frederick County and Frederick City – Environmental Noise Standards – Fairgrounds – Exemption.

This bill exempts specified county fairs and other events in Frederick County from the authority of the Department of the Environment to adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations.

Senate Bill 361, 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 215.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 215

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County and Frederick City – Environmental Noise Standards – County Fairgrounds – ~~Exception~~ Exemption

FOR the purpose of ~~providing an exception for~~ exempting certain ~~county~~ fairs and other events in Frederick County and Frederick City ~~to~~ from the authority of the Department of the Environment to adopt certain environmental noise standards; ~~and generally relating to State environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 3–401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

3–401.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations as necessary to protect the public health, the general welfare, and property.