

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

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 1147 – Consolidation of Rural Development Programs.

This bill renames the Forvm for Rural Maryland to be the Rural Maryland Council and authorizes a number of administrative provisions for the Council.

Senate Bill 744, 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 1147.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 1147

AN ACT concerning

Consolidation of Rural Development Programs

FOR the purpose of renaming the Forvm for Rural Maryland to be the Rural Maryland Council; providing for the purpose of the Council; expanding the Council's membership; requiring the Council to elect one or more Vice Chairmen; altering and expanding the Council's Executive Board membership and clarifying its duties; authorizing the Council's Chairman to establish certain working committees; requiring the Council's Executive Director to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board; placing the Council, for administrative and budgetary reasons, under the Maryland Department of Agriculture and requiring the Department to provide certain funding, staff, and resources for the Council; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to include the Council's budget request that is provided to the Department of Budget and Management with the budget request of the Maryland Department of Agriculture; providing for the