

State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 578 – Maryland Household Goods Movers Act.

This bill prohibits a household goods mover from enforcing or threatening to enforce a carrier's lien against, or refusing to deliver, a consumer's household goods when providing household goods moving services for a move within the State. A violation of the Maryland Household Goods Movers Act is an unfair and deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

House Bill 794, 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 578.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 578

AN ACT concerning

#### **Maryland ~~Home~~ Household Goods Movers Act**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring home movers to provide consumers with certain information under certain circumstances; requiring home movers to provide consumers with written estimates under certain circumstances; requiring a home mover's written estimate to contain certain information; prohibiting a home mover from exercising or threatening to exercise a warehouseman's lien or from refusing to deliver consumer goods~~ prohibiting a household goods mover from enforcing a carrier's lien or refusing to deliver certain household goods under certain circumstances; providing that a violation of this subtitle is an unfair and deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; providing that a household goods mover who violates this subtitle is subject to certain civil and criminal penalties under certain circumstances; making a certain conforming change; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of this Act establishing a certain short title; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland ~~Home~~ Household Goods Movers Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 7-308(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)