

- Corporation;
1. the Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Corporation;
  2. the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation; and
  3. any similar organization in another state;
- (3) claims of the federal government not included in item (2) of this subsection;
- (4) the first \$500 of compensation or wages owed to an officer or employee of an insurer for services rendered within 3 months before the commencement of a delinquency proceeding against the insurer, which shall be instead of any other similar priority that may be authorized by law as to wages or compensation;
- (5) claims for taxes and debts due any state or local government; and
- (6) all other claims of general creditors not falling within any other priority under this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 143 – *State Government – Forms Management – Submission of Annual Report*.

This bill requires the Records Management Division of the Department of General Services to submit an annual report to the General Assembly, rather than the Joint Audit Committee, on the forms management activities of each Executive Branch department or independent unit during the previous fiscal year.

House Bill 120, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 143.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor