

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 395 – *Vehicle Laws – Trailers and Semitrailers – Surge Brakes*.

This bill exempts specified vehicles from specified brake requirements, and authorizes a trailer or semitrailer to be equipped with surge brakes, if the trailer or semitrailer meets specified requirements relating to weight, design, and use.

House Bill 551, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 395.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 395**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Vehicle Laws – Trailers and Semitrailers – Surge Brakes**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain vehicles from certain brake requirements; authorizing a certain trailer or semitrailer to be equipped with surge brakes if the trailer or semitrailer meets certain requirements relating to weight, design, and use; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to adopt certain regulations to be effective by a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to the use of surge brakes on certain trailers and semitrailers under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 11–158 and 11–169  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 22–301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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