

(IX) THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER HAS A GROSS WEIGHT RATING, REGISTERED WEIGHT, OR GROSS WEIGHT, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, THAT IS NO MORE THAN ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE GROSS WEIGHT RATING OR REGISTERED WEIGHT, WHICHEVER IS LESS, OF THE TOWING VEHICLE; AND

(X) FOR VEHICLES USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER IS USED ONLY IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Transportation shall adopt regulations, to be effective beginning October 1, 2004, authorizing the use of surge brakes on trailers and semitrailers as authorized in this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 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 400 – *Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement*.

This bill adopts the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement as adopted by the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project on November 12, 2002, contingent on the enactment of specified legislation by the U.S. Congress and requires the Comptroller to prepare and submit proposed regulations and draft legislation implementing changes to the State's laws, regulations, or policies needed to bring the State into compliance with the Agreement and other changes recommended by the Comptroller.

House Bill 694, 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 400.

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

**Senate Bill No. 400**

AN ACT concerning

**Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement**