

(G) UNPRESENTED CHECKS CREDITED TO THE FUND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 17 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.

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 445 - *Frederick County - Loans to Volunteer Fire or Rescue Companies*.

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to provide loans to approved volunteer fire or rescue companies for land or buildings, to be used by the companies.

House Bill 259, 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 445.

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

**Senate Bill No. 445**

AN ACT concerning

**Frederick County - Loans to Volunteer Fire or Rescue Companies**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to provide loans to approved volunteer fire or rescue companies for land or buildings to be used by the companies; making certain stylistic corrections; and generally relating to volunteer fire and rescue companies in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Public Local Laws of Frederick County  
Section 2-8-4  
Article 11 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1979 Edition and April 2002 Supplement, as amended)

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