

responsibilities. For example, the large number of State employees who have retirement and deferred compensation plans with the competitively bid State contract may lose the ability to obtain such services because all of the current and prospective vendors receive their information technology support through foreign outsourcing. House Bill 183 would set up artificial barriers that could jeopardize many current providers and potential competitors for State projects.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 183.

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

House Bill No. 183

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Services Rendered in Foreign Country — ~~Prohibition~~

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting a procurement unit from awarding a contract for services to be rendered by certain persons from a site that is located outside the United States; providing certain exceptions to the prohibition;~~ establishing that certain provisions of law apply to certain procurements; requiring certain notice for certain invitations for bids and certain requests for proposals; authorizing a procurement unit to consider whether certain services are to be rendered by certain persons from a site that is located outside the United States when awarding certain service contracts except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to procurement for services to be rendered by persons from a site that is located outside the United States.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 11-203(b)(1)(i), (d), and (e)(5)(i), 13-103(a), and 13-104(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 12-104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 14-407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)