

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 303 - *Motor Carrier Transportation Contracts - Indemnity Agreements Void*.

This bill provides that specified indemnity agreements in motor carrier transportation contracts that purport to indemnify the promisee against specified liability resulting from specified conduct by the promisee are against public policy and are void and unenforceable.

House Bill 898, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 303.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 303

AN ACT concerning

Motor Carrier Transportation Contracts - Indemnity Agreements Void

FOR the purpose of providing that certain indemnity agreements, collateral to, or affecting certain motor carrier transportation contracts that purport to indemnify the promisee against certain liability resulting from certain conduct by the promisee are against public policy and are void and unenforceable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to certain indemnity agreements in certain motor carrier transportation contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Transportation
Section 11-134.2
Annotated Code of Maryland