

consumption. Given the diversity of units within State government, it is important that each unit be allowed to develop a conservation plan that works most efficiently for their particular situation.

I will soon sign an Executive Order that requires State agencies, to the greatest extent practicable, to reproduce multi-page documents utilizing both sides of a sheet of paper. State agencies would be required to identify and implement other reasonable methods of reducing paper consumption. In addition, the procurement of photocopy machines with duplex capability will be encouraged. I feel this type of policy is a proper matter to be handled administratively and does not require legislation.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 251.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 251**

AN ACT concerning

**State Units – Office Efficiency**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain units of State government from duplicating written materials of greater than a certain length unless the duplication is on both sides of each sheet of paper; authorizing certain exceptions; requiring certain notification to certain persons; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to duplication of written materials in certain units of State government.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 10-901 and 10-902 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. State Units – Office Efficiency”

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Government**

**SUBTITLE 9. STATE UNITS – OFFICE EFFICIENCY**

10-901.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.