

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1106 - *Maryland Building Performance Standards - Exemption in Certain Counties for Agricultural Buildings Used for Agritourism*.

This bill exempts Calvert, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Somerset, and Talbot counties from the Maryland Building Performance Standards for the construction, alteration, or modification of agricultural buildings for which agritourism is an intended subordinate use; and provides that an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered as a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 485, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1106.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor