

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 1463 - *State Buildings Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act*.

This bill requires the Department of General Services, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to set specified energy performance standards to require reductions of energy consumption in State buildings by specified dates; requires State agencies to conduct energy consumption analyses; requires State agencies to update energy conservation plans; and provides an exception for specified buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

Senate Bill 267, 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 1463.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor