

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 1041 - *Mercury-Added Products - Prohibition of Sale of Thermostats and Report*.

This bill prohibits a specified marketer from selling or providing a thermostat containing mercury to a consumer; requires the Department of the Environment to make a specified report to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before October 1, 2007, relating to the statewide collection, reclamation, and recycling of all products containing mercury; and requires the Secretary of the Environment to convene and consult with a specified advisory group in preparing the report.

Senate Bill 772, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1041.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor