

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 311.

This bill establishes new provisions for awarding architectural and engineering contracts for transportation agencies and general using authorities.

House Bill 126, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 28, 1985, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 311.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 311

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Architectural and Engineering Services - Award of Contracts

FOR the purpose of requiring certain State agencies to make recommendations for the award of contracts for architectural and engineering services on the basis of negotiation; establishing certain procedures for negotiation among competing firms; authorizing the delegation of the negotiation process to certain departments; providing that certain documents be available for public review; providing that certain actions be taken at public meetings; providing for the effective date of this Act; altering the amount of a contract to procure architectural or engineering services to which certain provisions of the Procurement Article apply; altering the amount of a contract to procure architectural or engineering services which shall be subject to a recommendation of award by the General Selection Board and a requirement for a truth-in-negotiation certificate; and generally relating to the award of architectural and engineering services contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 21 - Procurement  
Section 9-107(a), 9-109, 9-111, 9-209, and 9-211  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)