

regulations and encourages cooperation and discussion between the Legislative and Executive Branches. According to the Department of Legislative Services Fiscal and Policy Note, the AELR Committee received only 89 regulations by Executive Branch agencies in 2003 for emergency approval.

Accordingly, the amended provisions to the Administrative Procedure Act would unduly undermine the authority of the office of the Governor, particularly relating to the approval of emergency regulations.

For the above stated reason, I have vetoed House Bill 429.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 429

AN ACT concerning

#### State Government - Administrative Procedure Act - Proposed Regulations

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that a regulation is only effective if all the provisions of the regulation address a single subject~~; requiring agencies to submit proposed regulations to the Department of Legislative Services; prohibiting the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review from approving a request for emergency adoption of a proposed regulation during a certain period unless the Governor makes a certain declaration; requiring the Committee to impose a time limit, not to exceed a certain length, on the effectiveness of emergency regulations; requiring the website of the General Assembly to include certain information about certain emergency regulations the Committee has received; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to maintain a list of members of the public who have requested to receive notice of the Department's receipt of certain emergency regulations; requiring the Department to provide certain notice to certain members of the public; specifying the manner in which the Department shall administer the list; requiring certain promulgating units to provide copies of emergency regulations to members of the public, on request; authorizing the Committee to ~~take certain actions on specific provisions of proposed regulations~~ exercise certain powers over proposed or emergency regulations or certain provisions of proposed or emergency regulations; and generally relating to the Administrative Procedure Act and proposed regulations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - State Government  
Section 10-110 and 10-111  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - State Government