

(a) this Act may not be construed to require the State Highway Administration to take any action regarding raising the maximum lawful speed limit as authorized under this Act; and

(b) the State Highway Administration may raise the maximum lawful speed limit in accordance with the provisions of § 21-801.1(e) of the Transportation Article as enacted by this Act as part of a pilot project for the purpose of examining the impact of the speed limit increase on:

(1) actual speeds travelled;

(2) highway safety; ~~or~~

~~(3)~~ (3) energy consumption; or

(4) any other factor deemed by the Administration in consultation with the State Police to be relevant to a decision to raise the maximum lawful speed limit.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 496.

This bill waives the protections of the statute of repose in specified actions against manufacturers and suppliers of products that contain asbestos.

Senate Bill 335, which was passed by the General Assembly and was signed by me on May 14, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 496.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor