



STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
**Wes Moore**

May 19, 2023

The Honorable Bill Ferguson  
President of the Senate of Maryland  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed SB 144 - Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs - Energy Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing.

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to procure or provide energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) programs and services for electricity customers for the 2024-2026 EmPOWER Maryland Program cycle, subject to specified requirements.

House Bill 169, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wes Moore'.

Wes Moore  
Governor

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