

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 582 - *Vehicle Laws - Race-Based Traffic Stops - Sunset Extension and Reporting Requirements*.

This bill extends until August 31, 2008, the termination of specified provisions of law concerning the collection, analysis, and reporting of information relating to traffic stops; extends until December 31, 2007, the requirements for law enforcement to record and report to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center specified information relating to traffic stops, including the race of the driver; and extends the deadline for the Maryland Justice Analysis Center to issue a final report.

Senate Bill 288, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 582.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor