

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 1219 – *Maryland Estate Tax*.

This bill alters the definition of "estate"; requires specified persons to file a Maryland estate tax return with the register 9 months after the death of the decedent; provides a limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax; and applies the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2005.

Senate Bill 2, 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 1219.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor