

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 277 – *Homestead Tax Credit - Eligibility - Razed Property and Substantially Improved Property*.

This bill provides that a homeowner otherwise eligible for the homestead property tax credit who does not actually reside in a dwelling for the required period of time under specified circumstances may continue to qualify for the credit for specified tax years; and provides that the full benefit of the homestead property tax credit existing at the commencement of a specified taxable year may not be diminished, subject to specified exceptions.

House Bill 275, 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 277.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor