

May 17, 2007

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 72 - *Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs*.

This bill alters the procedures for the notification of property owners of groundwater contamination findings by the Department of the Environment and the local health department. The bill also alters the requirements for reimbursement by responsible persons.

Senate Bill 254, 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 72.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor