

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 463 - *Ground Rents - Remedies for Nonpayment of Ground Rent*.

This bill eliminates the possibility that a leasehold tenant could lose the tenant's home for failure to pay a ground rent by repealing the leaseholder's ability to bring an ejectment action and providing instead for the creation of a lien.

Senate Bill 396, 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 463.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor