

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 789 - *Banking Institutions - Deceptive Use of Names, Trade Names, Trademarks, Service Marks, Logos, or Taglines - Penalties*.

This bill clarifies the entities that may use a name, title, or other words that represent that the person is authorized to do the business of banking in Maryland. No person may use the name of a bank or any term or design that is similar to the name without the consent of the actual bank. The bill proscribes a penalty for a violation of the Act.

Senate Bill 433, 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 789.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor