

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 158 - *State Lottery - Prize Winners - Voluntary Assignments*.

This bill enables specified prize winners of the State lottery to voluntarily assign prizes that are paid in installments under specified circumstances; and requires a specified court to issue an order that approves a voluntary assignment and directs the State Lottery Agency to make specified payments to the assignee if the court makes specified findings.

Senate Bill 48, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 158.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor