

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 377 - *Criminal Procedure - Restitution - Application of Provisions*.

This bill establishes that any order of restitution made by a court is governed by specified statutory law on restitution; and establishes that specified statutory law may not be construed to limit the authority of the court to order a defendant or child found to have committed a delinquent act to make restitution or to perform specified services for the victim as an alternative means of restitution.

Senate Bill 289, 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 377.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor