

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 378 - *Crimes - Restitution - Victims and Payments*.

This bill expands the list of entities to which restitution can be ordered to be paid for the commission of offenses relating to destructive devices and toxic materials; expands the list of persons to whom a court is authorized to order restitution; establishes the priority of payment of restitution to a victim; and establishes that the Department of Juvenile Services shall forward specified restitution to a specified person or governmental unit.

Senate Bill 291, 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 378.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor