

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 513 - *Insurance - Loans and Advances Made to Stock Insurers and Mutual Insurers*.

This bill repeals a specified limitation on the interest allowed on a specified loan or advance made to a stock insurer; requires that the instrument evidencing a specified loan or advance be approved in a specified manner by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and provides that a specified loan or advance and any interest on it made to a mutual insurer is payable only out of the surplus remaining after the mutual insurer provides for all reserves and other liabilities.

Senate Bill 251, 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 513.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor