

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 608 - *Joint Legislative Task Force on Small Group Market Health Insurance - Report and Modification of Duties*.

This bill alters the date by which the Joint Legislative Task Force on Small Group Market Health Insurance is required to submit a specified report to the presiding officers and specified committees of the General Assembly; and requires the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding additional issues.

Senate Bill 325, 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 608.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor