

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 708 - *Criminal Procedure - Process Against Limited Liability Companies - Summons, Service, and Execution*.

This bill authorizes a clerk of court, if a charging document is filed against a specified limited liability company, to issue a summons to the limited liability company in the company name to appear at court to answer the charging document; and establishes that, if a sheriff or other officer returns a summons in a specified manner, the limited liability company to whom the summons was issued shall be considered as in court and as appearing to the charging document.

Senate Bill 736, 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 708.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor