

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 1229 - *Vehicle Laws - Rental Vehicle Companies - Separately Stated Charges*.

This bill authorizes a rental vehicle company to charge a consumer a fee to recover specified costs; authorizes a rental vehicle company to determine the amount of a separately stated fee under specified circumstances; requires a rental vehicle company to adjust the amount of the fee under specified circumstances; and requires a rental vehicle company to include specified information relating to the fee in an advertisement.

Senate Bill 888, 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 1229.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor