

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 664 - *Family Law - Court-Appointed Lawyer for Child*.

This bill authorizes the court to appoint a lawyer to represent a minor child in specified actions as a child advocate attorney or a best interest attorney; and requires a lawyer appointed under the Act to exercise ordinary care and diligence in the representation of a minor child.

House Bill 700, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 664.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor