

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 693 – *Telephone Companies - Telephone Lifeline Service*.

This bill alters and expands the types of telephone lifeline service that are available to eligible subscribers; requires specified local telephone companies to provide telephone lifeline service at the direction of the Public Service Commission; requires telephone companies that provide telephone lifeline service to obtain access to information on eligible subscribers from the Department of Human Resources in a specified manner; and requires the Commission to conduct a specified study and report its findings.

House Bill 1562, 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 693.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor