

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 1040 – *State Government - Public Records - Personal Information About Individuals with Disabilities*.

This bill requires custodians of public records to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains personal information about individuals with disabilities or individuals perceived to have a disability under specified circumstances. It requires custodians of public records to permit the inspection of a specified part of a public record after the custodian redacts specified information.

House Bill 1625, 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 1040.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor