May 22, 2008

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 915 – Surety Insurers – Failure to Pay Bail Bond Judgment – Penalties.

This bill provides that a surety insurer that is precluded or removed from a specified list by a circuit court due to failure to timely resolve or satisfy specified bail bond forfeitures shall be subject to specified penalties. This bill also requires a clerk of a circuit court to notify the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of the names of specified surety insurers and specified bond forfeitures at a specified time.

Senate Bill 571, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 915.

Sincerely,

Governor