

May 19, 2009

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 227 – *Baltimore City – Newly Constructed Dwelling Property Tax Credit – Modification and Reauthorization*.

This bill modifies the existing Baltimore City property tax credit for newly constructed dwellings and extends the tax credit's termination date from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2014. The bill also authorizes Baltimore City to establish maximum limits on the cumulative amount of the tax credit that may be allowed for any year and establishes two application periods for the tax credit. Additionally, the bill grants a one-time amnesty period for owners who previously failed to meet the application deadline and who were denied the tax credit.

House Bill 143, 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 227.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor