

March 5, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(b), of the Maryland Constitution states:

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in the like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Having chosen not to sign the following bill after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, March 5, 2021, and is assigned the following chapter number:

**SB 218**

Chapter 40

**Senator King**

**INCOME TAX – CHILD TAX CREDIT AND EXPANSION OF THE  
EARNED INCOME CREDIT**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income credit to allow certain residents to claim the credit; allowing certain taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year that is \$6,000 or less to claim a credit against the State income tax for each qualified child in an amount equal to \$500; allowing certain taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, but before January 1, 2023; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber  
Executive Director