

May 26, 2006

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 382 - *Criminal Law - Bribery of a Public Official - Public Employees*.

This bill clarifies the category of persons considered to be public employees for purposes of specified prohibitions against bribery.

Senate Bill 311, 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 382.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor