

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 521 – *Baltimore City – Extinguishment or Redemption of Ground Rents*.

This bill alters the scope of a specified procedure in law that authorizes Baltimore City to apply to a specified State agency in order to extinguish or redeem a ground rent on property acquired by Baltimore City under specified circumstances. This bill also alters the contents of a specified affidavit required in the procedure to extinguish or redeem a ground rent on property acquired by Baltimore City under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 366, 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 521.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley