

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 452 - *Family Law - Property Disposition in Annulment or Divorce - Transfer of Real Property*.

This bill authorizes a court, in a proceeding for annulment or absolute divorce, to transfer in a specified way and under specified circumstances, subject to the terms of any lien, ownership of an interest in real property jointly owned by the parties and used as the principal residence of the parties when they lived together; and provides for the application of the Act.

Senate Bill 353, 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 452.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor