

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 1126 - *Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Critical Area Commission – Authority*.

This bill clarifies the authority of the Critical Area Commission and the chairman of the Critical Area Commission regarding program amendments and program refinements; alters the guidelines for local jurisdictions for the location of new intensely developed and limited development areas; alters the Commission's approval process for program amendments and program refinements; and clarifies the procedures for growth allocation requests by local jurisdictions.

Senate Bill 751, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1126.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor