

May 17, 2007

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 165 - *Baltimore City - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and Lexington Market, Inc.*

This bill provides that the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City, meets the definition of "local government" for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act. With the passage of this law, the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and its employees may not raise as a defense a limitation on liability; providing that the notice requirement does not apply to actions for unliquidated damages.

Senate Bill 16, 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 165.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor