

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 222 - *Garrett County - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Inclusion of Specified Nonprofit Entity*.

This bill alters the definition of a "local government" under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include a specified nonprofit corporation in Garrett County and provides that a notice requirement does not apply to specified actions against an identified nonprofit corporation in Garrett County or its employees.

Senate Bill 229, 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 222.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor