

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 991 - *Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Convention Center Promotion*.

This bill extends through the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, provisions requiring that 40% of the proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion. The required appropriation shall be made to the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.

Senate Bill 407, 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 991.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor