

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 278 - *Baltimore City - Housing Authority - Continued Occupancy by Family Member on Death of Tenant*.

This bill alters the circumstances under which an individual who is the surviving spouse or other immediate family member of a deceased tenant of housing assisted under a program administered by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and who occupied the premises at the time of the tenant's death may be considered eligible to enter into a lease for continued occupancy. The bill authorizes the Authority to initiate legal proceedings no earlier than a specified time to evict an occupant who does not satisfy specified conditions.

House Bill 762, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 278.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor