

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 833 - *Worcester County - Fire and Explosive Investigators – Authority*.

This bill extends to a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator specified authority of the State Fire Marshal and full-time investigative and inspection assistants in that office to make warrantless arrests and exercise powers of arrest. The bill authorizes a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator to exercise specified authority while operating outside Worcester County when detailed circumstances are present.

House Bill 683, 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 833.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor