

(3) REQUIRE ANY METHOD, MEANS, OR SCOPE OF BARGAINING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE; OR

(4) AUTHORIZE BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

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 836 – *Maryland Tort Claims Act – Structured Settlements*.

This bill alters the definition of “structured settlement” to include a settlement of a claim in provisions of law authorizing the State to enter into structured settlements of claims under the Maryland Tort Claims Act and requires a specified investment company to be selected by the State and a claimant by mutual agreement.

Senate Bill 781, 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 836.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 836

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tort Claims Act – Structured Settlements

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “structured settlement” in provisions of law authorizing the State to enter into structured settlements; requiring a certain investment company to be selected by the State and a claimant by mutual agreement; and generally relating to structured settlements and claims under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume)