

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996 ~~1997~~, *contingent on the taking effect of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 806) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996, and if Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ does not become effective, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.*

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 679.

This bill exempts gift certificates from the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act.

Senate Bill 455, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 679.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 679**

AN ACT concerning

**Abandoned Property – Gift Certificates**

FOR the purpose of exempting gift certificates from the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act; ~~providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Comptroller to take a certain action;~~ providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 17-101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Commercial Law**