

(3) THE TREASURER MAY DETERMINE HOW TO ASSESS A VIOLATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE VIOLATION WAS COMMITTED BY:

- (I) AN AFFILIATE OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION; OR
- (II) AN ENTITY ACQUIRED BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

(D) THE TREASURER SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT DURING THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS, THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HAS:

(1) SUCCESSFULLY MADE LOANS IN MARYLAND THROUGH STATE OR FEDERAL LENDING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ASSIST SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES;

(2) HAD AN ACTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES THROUGH WHICH THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HAS MADE EFFORTS IN MARYLAND; AND

(3) ESTABLISHED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN MARYLAND WITH ENTITIES WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

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 193 – *Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons*.

This bill creates a Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons; requires the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish the pilot program in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; requires the Department to purchase specified bonds for a specified number of qualified ex-felons each year and to provide bonds to specified one-stop career centers; and requires that the pilot program be implemented in at least two workforce investment areas.

House Bill 1391, 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 193.

Very truly yours,