

May 26, 2006

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 5 – *Property Tax – Homeowners' Property Tax Credit and Renters' Property Tax Relief*.

This bill increases from \$150,000 to \$250,000 the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners' property tax credit is calculated; alters the computation of the credit; excludes specified items from the definition of "assets" for the purpose of the credit; and provides that the credit may not be granted to a homeowner whose combined income exceeds a specified amount.

Senate Bill 382, 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 5.

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

House Bill No. 5

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Homeowners' Property Tax Credit and Renters' Property Tax Relief

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which a certain homeowners' property tax credit is calculated; altering the computation of the credit; ~~altering a certain restriction of eligibility for the credit based on a homeowner's net worth~~ excluding certain items from the definition of "assets" for purposes of the credit; including certain items in the definition of "gross income" for purposes of the credit; providing that the credit may not be granted to a homeowner whose combined income exceeds a certain amount for a certain calendar year; altering the maximum amount of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain homeowners' property tax credit and certain renters' property tax relief.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section ~~9-104(a)(13)~~ 9-102(i) and 9-104(a)(2), (8), and (13), (g), and (i)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)