

ALL ITEMS, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FOR THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

(3) IF THE FUNDING LEVEL CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS LESS THAN THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR, THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE COUNTY SHALL BE THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

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

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 708 – *Criminal Procedure – Process Against Limited Liability Companies – Summons, Service, and Execution*.

This bill authorizes a clerk of court, if a charging document is filed against a specified limited liability company, to issue a summons to the limited liability company in the company name to appear at court to answer the charging document; and establishes that, if a sheriff or other officer returns a summons in a specified manner, the limited liability company to whom the summons was issued shall be considered as in court and as appearing to the charging document.

Senate Bill 736, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 708.

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

House Bill No. 708

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Process Against Limited Liability Companies –
Summons, Service, and Execution**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a clerk of court, if a charging document is filed against a certain limited liability company, to issue a summons to the limited liability company in the company name to appear at court to answer the charging document; establishing that, if a sheriff or other officer returns a certain summons in a certain manner, the limited liability company to whom the summons was issued shall be considered as in court and as appearing to the