

May 26, 2005

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 683 - *Courts - Parent-Child Immunity - Motor Vehicle Torts*.

This bill expands the abrogation of the doctrine of parent-child immunity in motor vehicle torts up to the limits of motor vehicle liability coverage or uninsured motor vehicle coverage.

House Bill 1081, 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 683.

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

**Senate Bill No. 683**

AN ACT concerning

**Courts - Parent-Child Immunity - Motor Vehicle Torts**

FOR the purpose of expanding the abrogation of the doctrine of parent-child immunity in motor vehicle torts up to the limits of motor vehicle liability coverage or uninsured motor vehicle coverage; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to abrogation of the doctrine of parent-child immunity in motor vehicle torts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-806  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5-806.

(a) This section applies to:

(1) An action by an unemancipated child against a parent of the child;  
and