

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 793 – *State Finance and Procurement – Funding for Public Art*.

This bill establishes the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program and requires that specified grantees provide and expend a matching fund prior to the award of specified grants. The bill requires the Maryland State Arts Council to develop regulations to implement the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program, establishes the Maryland Commission on Public Art, specifies the membership of the Commission and establishes the Maryland Public Art Fund.

House Bill 749, 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 793.

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

Senate Bill No. 793

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – ~~Capital Budget~~ – Funding for Public Art

FOR the purpose of ~~providing certain funds from the consolidated loan budget to be used to fund certain activities of~~ establishing the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring that certain grantees provide and expend a matching fund prior to the award of certain grants; requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to develop regulations to implement the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program; establishing the Maryland Commission on Public Art; specifying the membership of the Commission; establishing the Maryland Public Art Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and that the Comptroller shall account for the Fund; specifying that certain proceeds shall be invested and reinvested in a certain manner; specifying that certain earnings shall be paid into the Fund, providing for the composition of the Fund; requiring the Commission to administer the Fund; providing that money in the Fund may only be used for certain purposes; providing for the termination of this Act; requiring the Commission to make recommendations concerning disbursement of the funds of the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program; and generally relating to funding for public art.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 8 – 114~~