

DEFENDING THE PROCEEDING WAS IN BAD FAITH OR THE INSURER ACTED WILLFULLY IN THE ABSENCE OF A BONA FIDE DISPUTE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

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 272 – *Municipal Corporations – Special Taxing Districts – Public Safety*.

This bill authorizes municipal corporations in the State to create within their respective corporate limits special taxing districts for the purpose of financing specified capital and operating costs to enhance police and fire protection and rescue services; etc.

Senate Bill 2, 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 272.

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

House Bill No. 272

AN ACT concerning

Municipal Corporations – Special Taxing Districts ~~for Police and Fire Protection – Public Safety~~

FOR the purpose of authorizing municipal corporations in the State to create within their respective corporate limits special taxing districts for the purpose of financing certain capital and operating costs to enhance police ~~and fire protection in certain areas~~, fire protection, and rescue services; authorizing municipal corporations to fix, impose, and collect certain taxes and issue bonds or other obligations for certain purposes; and generally relating to authorization for municipal corporations in the State to create special taxing districts for certain purposes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 23A – Corporations – Municipal
Section 44(a)