

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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 811 – *Criminal Law – Extortion by Government Officer or Employee – Persons Subject to Offense*.

This bill expands the category of officers or employees who are subject to specified provisions relating to extortion and expands the category of employment from which a person convicted of extortion is barred.

Senate Bill 386, 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 811.

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

**House Bill No. 811**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Extortion by Government Officer or Employee – Penalties  
and Persons Subject to Offense**

FOR the purpose of expanding the category of officers or employees who are subject to certain provisions relating to extortion; ~~altering certain penalties for extortion;~~ expanding the category of employment from which a person convicted of extortion is barred; defining a certain term; and generally relating to extortion by a government officer or employee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 3-702  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)