

vetoed House Bill 897 – *Rules of Interpretation – Computation of Age.*

This bill establishes that an individual attains a specified age on the day of the anniversary of the individual's birth and provides an exception for individuals born on February 29.

Senate Bill 86, 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 897.

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

### House Bill No. 897

AN ACT concerning

#### Rules of Interpretation – Computation of Age

FOR the purpose of establishing that an individual attains a specified age on the day of the anniversary of the individual's birth; providing an exception for individuals born on a certain date; and generally relating to the computation of an individual's age.

BY adding to

Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation  
Section 37  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 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 1 – Rules of Interpretation

37.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL ATTAINS A SPECIFIED AGE ON THE DAY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S BIRTH.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL BORN ON FEBRUARY 29 ATTAINS A SPECIFIED AGE ON MARCH 1 OF ANY YEAR THAT IS NOT A LEAP YEAR

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