

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 898 – *Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2003 – Baltimore Zoo*.

This bill extends the date by which the Maryland Zoological Society must provide evidence that a matching fund will be provided for a specified grant provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2003.

Senate Bill 811, 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 898.

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

**House Bill No. 898**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2003 – Baltimore Zoo**

FOR the purpose of extending the date by which the Maryland Zoological Society must provide evidence that a matching fund will be provided for a certain grant provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2003.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
Section 1(3) ZA00 Item (B)

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

**Chapter 204 of the Acts of 2003**

Section 1(3)

ZA00 MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS

(B) Baltimore Zoo Redevelopment Projects. Provide a grant to the Maryland Zoological Society to assist in the construction of redevelopment projects at the Baltimore Zoo, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose. The grantee may provide the matching fund and the Board of Public Works may certify the matching fund in installments during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending on June 1, [2006] 2008. Each installment of the matching fund that the grantee