

(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO A LOCAL THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ON A WRITTEN REQUEST, INFORMATION CONCERNING A CHILD VICTIM OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, WHO IS A CHILD RESIDING IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(2) THE LOCAL BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

(I) SHALL KEEP CONFIDENTIAL ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; ~~AND~~

(II) MAY USE THE INFORMATION SOLELY TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AIMED AT REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN BALTIMORE CITY; ~~AND~~

(III) SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES INFORMATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT DETAILING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RECORD WAS USED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, 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 921 – *Real Property – Abatement of Nuisances on Property Used for Controlled Dangerous Substance Offenses*.

This bill specifies the persons against whom an action may be brought to abate a nuisance on property used for controlled dangerous substance offenses and clarifies that a plaintiff is entitled to equitable relief in an action to abate a drug-related nuisance whether or not an adequate remedy exists at law. The bill also authorizes a court, if a tenant fails to comply with an order to abate a drug-related nuisance, to order restitution of possession of the property to the operator of the property.

Senate Bill 674, 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 921.

Very truly yours,