

Article II, Section 17(b) of the Constitution of Maryland:

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1989, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates formally presented to the Governor's designee Senate Bill 785 and House Bill 1337, respectively. Applying by analogy the provisions of Article 94 ("Time") of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Governor had until midnight March 21, 1989, to sign or veto those two pieces of legislation. Having chosen not to sign the legislation and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b), determine the effectiveness of the two bills, both pieces of legislation became law as of midnight, March 21, 1989.

CHAPTER 9

(House Bill 1337)

AN ACT concerning

Targeted Tax Relief Act of 1989

FOR the purpose of providing, for Maryland income tax purposes, a subtraction from federal adjusted gross income for certain individuals whose income is not greater than certain poverty thresholds levels; allowing an additional exemption in a certain amount for certain blind or elderly individuals to determine Maryland taxable income; repealing a provision allowing additional standard deductions for certain blind or elderly individuals; increasing certain minimum limitations applicable to the standard deduction; increasing the amount that an individual may deduct for certain exemptions to determine Maryland taxable income; altering the formula for calculating credits and increasing the maximum credits available under the State program of property tax credits for renters; requiring certain actions within a specified period with regard to the State program of property tax credits for renters; altering the formula for calculating credits, and increasing the maximum eligible assessed value and maximum grants in the State program of property tax credits for homeowners; requiring the Comptroller to pay from the income tax revenue certain amounts to certain counties and Baltimore City for a certain fiscal year;