

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

May 25, 1989

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 379.

This bill prohibits solicitation, acceptance, or receipt of any gift, fee, or honorarium by a public official if the giver does business with the State, is engaged in activities regulated or controlled by the official's agency, has financial interests which may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of other official duties or is a registrant.

House Bill 662, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 379.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 379

AN ACT concerning

Public Ethics - Honoraria, Gifts, and Fees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting State certain officials from ~~soliciting, accepting, or receiving any honorarium, gift, or fee for engaging in certain acts~~ accepting honoraria under certain conditions; ~~prohibiting a State official from soliciting, accepting, or receiving from certain persons an honorarium, gift, or fee for engaging in certain acts outside of Maryland under certain conditions; clarifying that this Act does not prohibit the payment of certain expenses or the acceptance or receipt of certain ceremonial gifts or awards or noncash gifts of minimal nominal value; providing certain exceptions; defining a certain term; making stylistic changes;~~ and generally relating to the prohibition against acceptance of honoraria, gifts, or fees by State officials.

BY renumbering