

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

involving land clearing on forest lands shall consult with the Department to assure compliance with this section:

+1+ (I) Before cutting in or clearing a forest; and

+2+ (II) Before locating a reforestation area in accordance with this section.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION ALSO SHALL APPLY TO ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY ANY OTHER PERSON WHO USES STATE FUNDING FOR THAT PROJECT.

(G) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO ANY AGRICULTURE PRACTICES IMPLEMENTED UNDER A SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

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 556.

This bill increases the maximum rates of compensation for members of the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Boards. Specifically, it requires that the hourly rate be raised from \$20 to \$25 and the daily rate from \$120 to \$150.

I realize that the members of the local Boards perform an invaluable public service by hearing the numerous appeals filed in matters relating to the value of property. I appreciate their dedication and the hard work that is required to perform this important job. Although I recognize that the amount of time required to carry out these responsibilities varies greatly among the counties, I tend to believe that the current member's decision to serve was not based upon the rate of pay. In light of that, I do not believe that a salary increase is necessary at this time.