

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND ONE-HALF TO THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT. The separate account is not subject to attachment or other judicial process by any person.

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 670.

This bill would expand current law which prohibits the unauthorized recording, distribution, sale, or showing for admission charge, of sound recordings to include videocassettes or other technology which can record or store images.

The Attorney General has advised me that to the extent this bill seeks to extend Maryland law beyond sound recordings to prohibit reproduction of tapes and other media containing images, it is preempted by federal law. Although some portions of the bill may be severable, the fundamental thrust of the legislation is thwarted by federal copyright law. Accordingly, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 670.

A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered a part of this veto message.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 670

AN ACT concerning

Recordings - Unauthorized Copying