WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 795.

This bill exempts from State and local property taxes property owned by a nonprofit fire company or rescue squad that is used as a residence for a member of the fire company who is the caretaker or alternatively is not an employee of the fire company and does not pay for using the property.

House Bill 1383, 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 795.

Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

Senate Bill No. 795

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax - Nonprofit Fire Companies or Rescue Squads

FOR the purpose of exempting from property tax certain property owned by an incorporated, nonprofit fire company or rescue squad that is used as a residence for certain individuals; and providing for the applicability of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property Section 7-209 Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Tax - Property

7-209.

Property is not subject to property tax if the property:

(1) is owned by an incorporated, nonprofit fire company or rescue squad; and