and equitable ownership of the interest. Any disclaimer as a separate interest of an interest [which otherwise would devolve] DEVOLVING by right of survivorship made by a SURVIVING joint tenant or SURVIVING tenant by the entireties shall be delivered or filed not later than nine months after the death of the deceased joint tenant or deceased tenant by the entireties which determines the disclaimant's right to possess or enjoy the separate interest. The disclaimer or a copy of it shall be delivered in person or mailed by registered or certified mail to the trustee or other person who has legal title to the property or interest disclaimed, or to the transferor of the property or interest disclaimed or his THE legal representative OF THE TRANSFEROR OF THE PROPERTY OR INTEREST.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is declaratory of the common law of Maryland and shall apply to any disclaimer executed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

May 24, 1995

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 502.

This bill allows the personal representative of an estate to recover from a tort-feasor the decedent's funeral expenses as determined by order of the court or the decedent's will - rather than being limited to \$2,000.

House Bill 544, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 18, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 502.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 502

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts - Personal Representative - Tort Actions - Recovery of Funeral Expenses

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of funeral expenses a personal representative may recover in an action against a tort-feasor for a wrong which resulted in the