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(a) (1) To qualify for renewal of a certificate under this subtitle, a certificate holder shall earn during each 2-year certificate term at least [2] ONE continuing education [units] UNIT in TWO OR MORE courses that the Board approves.

(2) A continuing education unit consists of 10 hours of study.

(b) [Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if] ~~IF~~ a certificate is granted to a] A certificate holder WHO IS GRANTED A CERTIFICATE during the second year of a certificate term, ~~the certificate holder~~ may renew the certificate for the next full term [without complying with the continuing education requirements of the previous term as outlined in this section] BY EARNING IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER EARNS AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF A CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT IN ONE OR MORE COURSES THAT THE BOARD APPROVES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

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 263.

This bill allows a county or municipality to accept payment of taxes, fees, or any other charges by credit card or debit card. If such cards are used, the local government may add a service charge not exceeding the amount that the government may be charged in connection with the use of the card. The fee must be determined at the time the taxes or fees are paid by the individual.

House Bill 393, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 263.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 263

AN ACT concerning

Local Government - Acceptance of Credit and Debit Cards

FOR the purpose of authorizing counties, municipal corporations, and Baltimore City to