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- (e) (2) A person may not willfully bring an assault weapon or other firearm[, explosive, or incendiary] OR DESTRUCTIVE device, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 27, § 139A OF THE CODE, into or have an assault weapon or other firearm[, explosive, or incendiary] OR DESTRUCTIVE device in a building where:
 - (i) the Senate or the House has a chamber;
- (ii) a member, officer, or employee of the General Assembly has an official office; or
- (iii) a committee of the General Assembly, the Senate, or the House has an office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Notes and catchlines contained in this Act are not law.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Speaker of the House State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 709.

This bill includes the Baltimore City Police Department within the definition of "local government" for purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act. The bill's provisions do not have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before October 1, 1997.

Senate Bill 486, 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 House Bill 709.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 709

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Tort Claims Act - Baltimore City Police Department

FOR the purpose of including the Baltimore City Police Department within the definition