

DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR. Written authority for the [deduction] TRANSFER OF FUNDS shall be first obtained from the State Comptroller.

(2) In the event that tax collections for the [month] FISCAL YEAR are insufficient, the Comptroller shall make up the deficit from [funds provided in the State budget for this purpose] EXCESS FEES REMITTED FROM ALL OTHER REGISTERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999 and shall be applicable to decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

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 406.

This bill provides that in proceedings for absolute divorce, limited divorce, and property disposition in annulment or divorce, a court may award to either party an amount for the "reasonable and necessary expense" of prosecuting or defending the proceeding.

House Bill 72, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 406.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill 406

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Award of Expenses

FOR the purpose of adding absolute divorce, limited divorce, and property disposition in annulment or divorce to the types of proceedings in which a court may award to either party an amount for the reasonable and necessary expense of prosecuting or defending the proceeding; requiring the court to consider certain factors before making an award; authorizing the court to award reimbursement for certain expenses previously paid; providing for the payment of counsel fees directly to certain persons; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the award of reasonable and necessary expenses in certain proceedings.