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 695.

This bill provides additional time for the Department of Housing and Community Development and those jurisdictions now using the Southern Building Code to adopt the new International Building Code.

House Bill 1039, 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 695.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill 695

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Building Performance Standards - Adoption of State Building Gode Time Limits

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt by regulation the State Building Code as the Maryland Building Performance Standards; altering the time in which the Maryland Building Performance Standards shall apply to certain buildings and structures within certain counties and municipalities; requiring the Department to review the State Building Code to determine whether certain modifications should be incorporated into the Maryland Performance Standards; prohibiting the Department from adopting as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards a modification of a building code requirement that is more stringent than the requirement in the State Building Code; requiring the Department to notify local jurisdictions of changes in the State Building Code and the impact the changes will have on the local amendments in each local jurisdiction: authorizing the Department to compile and include in a central database certain interim amendments to the State Building Code; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the incorporation of the State Building Code into the Maryland Building Performance Standards, altering the time period in which the Department of Housing and Community Development must incorporate subsequent versions of the BOCA National Building Code into the Maryland Building Performance Standards; and altering the date on which the Maryland Building Performance Standards shall apply to counties or municipalities that