

(II) THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES FROM THE TRANSFEROR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL INCOME TAX BENEFIT REALIZED BY THE TRANSFEROR AS A RESULT OF A DEDUCTION FROM INCOME FOR A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROPERTY TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(3) IF THE CONDITIONS IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE MET, THE TRANSFEROR'S PROPERTY TAX DEBT SHALL BE REDUCED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.

[(3) (i) If more than one qualified person or entity competes for the real property transfer, preference shall be given to the person or entity which will create homeownership opportunities.

(ii) If more than one qualified person or entity competing for the same property transfer will create homeownership opportunities, the Board shall consider other factors in selecting a transferee.]

(c) The release of a lien for city real property taxes, charges, or assessments as authorized under subsection (b) of this section [in no way limits the ability of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to seek enforcement of] DOES NOT ABATE the TRANSFEROR'S liability [of the person responsible for the taxes, charges, or assessments] FOR THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF THE TAX DEBT.

(d) The Board may set additional standards and requirements for approval of the release of liens under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

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 541 – State Government – Procurement – Conflict of Interests.

This bill provides that each invitation for bids or request for proposals for a contract that will involve the selection of a consultant who is to assist a unit of State government in the formation, award or execution of a contract must require the bidder or offerer to provide an affidavit disclosing any actual or potential conflict of interest of which the bidder or offerer knows or can be reasonably expected to know. The bill requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations concerning the disclosure and evaluation of conflicts of interest under the bill.

House Bill 702, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May