

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 719 – Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property.

This bill provides that in Baltimore City, abandoned property which is either (1) a vacant lot; or (2) improved property that is unfit for habitation may be sold for less than the total amount of taxes due, with the collector establishing a minimum bid. If the property is sold for less than the amount owed, the purchaser must pay the full amount of the bid and the expenses incurred in making the sale no later than the day following the sale.

House Bill 743, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 719.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### **Senate Bill No. 719**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property**

FOR the purpose of altering the applicability of certain provisions authorizing certain abandoned property in Baltimore City to be sold for a sum less than a certain amount otherwise due for tax sales; requiring the collector to establish a minimum bid for the sale of abandoned property; providing that certain unpaid balances for certain abandoned property sold at a tax sale are no longer liens on real property under certain circumstances; clarifying the authority of Baltimore City to institute certain legal proceedings relating to certain abandoned property sold at a tax sale; requiring a collector to require the payment by a certain date of the bid amount and expenses for certain tax sales of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City; authorizing Baltimore City to purchase certain abandoned property for which there is no private purchaser under certain circumstances; providing that a tax sale certificate for certain abandoned property reverts to the City and is void as to a private purchaser unless a foreclosure proceeding is filed within a certain time and a foreclosure decree is secured within a certain time; specifying certain authority of Baltimore City if a tax sale certificate for certain abandoned property reverts to the City under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which the final order in a foreclosure proceeding brought by the City for certain abandoned property shall include a certain judgment against the person liable for taxes prior to the sale; repealing a provision prohibiting certain judgments for unpaid taxes on certain abandoned property in Baltimore City from being executed against the primary residence of the judgment debtor; providing that if a