

May 18, 2000

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 13 - Inheritance Tax - Exemption for Lineal Beneficiaries and Siblings.

This bill exempts from the inheritance tax property that passes from a decedent to direct relatives or siblings of the decedent.

Senate Bill 1, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 13.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

House Bill No. 13

AN ACT concerning

Inheritance Tax - ~~Repeal~~ Exemption for Direct Beneficiaries Lineal Beneficiaries and Siblings

FOR the purpose of exempting from the inheritance tax certain property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of certain relatives of a decedent or to or for the use of a corporation owned by certain relatives of a decedent; repealing the inheritance tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering certain probate fees charged by the registers of wills; altering the calculation of the Maryland estate tax; providing for the administration of estates and certain taxes with respect to decedents dying before certain dates; altering certain bond requirements to be executed by a personal representative of a decedent's estate; altering certain provisions regarding funding of the registers of wills offices; requiring the Department of Budget and Management, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in cooperation with representatives of the registers of wills, to conduct a certain study and report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the effective dates and application of this Act; and generally relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax an exemption from the inheritance tax for certain property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of certain relatives of a decedent or to or for the use of a corporation owned by certain relatives of a decedent.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General