COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY NOT BE ASSESSED A CANCELLATION FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (7) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

- (7) THE FEES AUTHORIZED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SET AT THE FOLLOWING RATE:
 - (I) HALF DAY (UP TO 4 HOURS) NOT TO EXCEED\$250
 - (II) FULL DAY (UP TO 8 HOURS) NOT TO EXCEED\$500.
- $\underline{\mbox{(8)}}$ $\underline{\mbox{ANY FEE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO}}$ THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

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 222 – Income Tax – Earned Income Credit.

This bill phases in a 5% increase of the Maryland refundable earned income tax credit. The bill increases the percentage of the federal earned income credit that must exceed the State income tax in order for an individual with one or more dependents to claim a refundable credit from 15% to 16% for tax years 2001 and 2002, increasing to 18% for tax year 2003 and 20% for tax years 2004 and beyond.

Senate Bill 166, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 222.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 222

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax - Earned Income Credit

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that certain individuals may claim as a refundable credit under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of a refundable county earned income credit if a county provides a refundable county earned income credit; requiring the Spending Affordability Committee to include a