

year under § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code that is attributable to Maryland, determined by multiplying the federal earned income credit by a fraction:

- (1) the numerator of which is the Maryland adjusted gross income of the individual; and
- (2) the denominator of which is the federal adjusted gross income of the individual.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Spending Affordability Committee shall include a recommendation in its final report of the 2002 interim as to the fiscal prudence of accelerating the phased-in increase of the earned income credit refund enacted under this Act.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

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 242 – Shoplifting and Employee Theft – Civil Penalties.

This bill increases, from \$500 to \$1,000, the maximum civil penalty that a merchant may be awarded against a responsible person for shoplifting and employee theft. The increased penalty is prohibited from being applied to a cause of action arising before October 1, 2001.

Senate Bill 265, 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 242.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 242

AN ACT concerning

Shoplifting and Employee Theft – Civil Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum civil penalty that a merchant may be awarded against a responsible person for shoplifting and employee theft under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally