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2. REMAND THE CASE TO THE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TO GIVE THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIM.

~~(3) IF THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND IS IMPEADED ON APPEAL BEFORE THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS AND UNLESS THE COURT FINDS THAT THE IMPLEADER WHO FILED IN BAD FAITH OR WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION, THE COURT SHALL:~~

~~(A) SUSPEND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS; AND~~

~~(H) REMAND THE CASE TO THE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TO GIVE THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIM.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any appeal filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 21, 2003

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 153 – Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast Operators.

This bill creates a Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast Operators. This task force is composed of 14 members, including State legislators, agency officials, economic development representatives, and interested parties from the bed and breakfast industry, among others. Its mission includes an examination of health regulations governing bed and breakfast operators, including requirements for the use of certain cooking instruments and equipment. The task force also is charged with comparing Maryland health regulations with health regulations in other states governing bed and breakfast operators. Additionally, the bill requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations regarding regulations on the need for a commercial or stainless steel kitchen to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2003, at which time the bill terminates.

I understand the need for appropriate health and safety measures to be in place within Maryland's bed and breakfast operations to protect Maryland citizens and visitors to our State. To meet this goal, bed and breakfasts operators rely upon the