

possession of the rental vehicle at the time the parking citation was issued, the political subdivision or State agency shall reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the amount paid by the owner for the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 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 655 – Real Property – Redemption of Ground Rents.

This bill authorizes a process for the redemption of ground rents including allowing a tenant to apply to redeem a ground rent if the landlord does not respond to notice by paying the redemption amount into a fund held by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

House Bill 1030, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 655.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 655

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Redemption of Ground Rents

FOR the purpose of authorizing a tenant to apply to redeem a reversion reserved in certain leases under certain circumstances by providing certain documentation and paying the redemption ~~amount~~ amount, certain back rents, if required, and certain fees to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; requiring the Department to ~~issue~~ post a certain notice on its website for a certain period of time before issuing a certain certificate to the tenant; establishing that the redemption is effective when the certificate is recorded in the land records of the county where the property is located; providing that recordation of the certificate conclusively vests a certain fee simple title in the tenant; authorizing the landlord to collect the redemption amount without interest by filing a claim, providing certain ~~documentation~~ documentation, and paying certain fees to the Department; providing a procedure for resolving certain disputes over the amount of payment of a certain redemption; limiting the liability of the