

undocumented immigrant or his or her parents have been paying Maryland taxes for a certain period of time.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 253.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 253

AN ACT concerning

### **Higher Education - Resident Tuition Charges - Immigrant Students and United States Military Personnel and Dependents**

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain individuals, other than certain nonresident aliens, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at certain public institutions of higher education under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain institutions of higher education from awarding degrees to certain individuals under certain circumstances; establishing that certain military personnel ~~and~~, dependents of military personnel, and certain veterans are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at certain public institutions of higher education under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to tuition charges for certain individuals attending public institutions of higher education in the State.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 15-106.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article - Education**

15-106.3.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN A NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 8, § 1101(A)(15) OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING NONRESIDENT TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) ATTENDED A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS;