

May 15, 2002

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 625 – Vehicle Laws – Uninsured Motorist Penalties – Distribution of Fees.

Senate Bill 625 provides that the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund shall receive \$2,180,000 annually from uninsured motorist penalties collected by the State. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 323, the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2002, the General Assembly also dedicated \$2,000,000 in uninsured motorist penalty fees for the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund. I will sign Senate Bill 323 into law on May 16, 2002. The net effect of Senate Bill 625, therefore, is to increase funding for the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund by \$180,000. The intent of this legislation is to replace the \$180,000 in salvage vehicle inspection fee revenues that would have been taken from the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund under the provisions of House Bill 471. Since I am vetoing that legislation today, there is no need to sign Senate Bill 625 into law.

For the above reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 625.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 625**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Uninsured Motorist Penalties – Distribution of Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of certain uninsured motorist penalty fees to provide for a distribution to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund during certain fiscal years; providing for the distribution of certain uninsured motorist penalty fees to the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund during certain fiscal years; altering the amount of certain uninsured motorist penalty fees distributed to the Transportation Trust Fund in certain fiscal years; repealing the termination of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the distribution of uninsured motorist penalty fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 17-106(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland