

May 16, 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 660 – Criminal Law – Housing Assistance – Fraud.

This bill makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly make a false statement of material fact to influence a housing agency regarding an application for certain housing assistance. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding three years, or both.

House Bill 1080, 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 660.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 660

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Housing Assistance – Fraud

Ho. Co. 11-02

FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to knowingly make a ~~misstatement~~ *false statement* of a material fact for the purpose of influencing a housing agency regarding certain housing assistance; establishing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to housing assistance and fraud.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 8-523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ___ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

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

Article – Criminal Law