

(b) (1) Each register is entitled to receive an annual salary of [not less than \$6,000 and] not more than [\$75,000] \$85,000, to be determined in each instance by the Board of Public Works.

(2) In determining the annual salary of the register, the Board of Public Works shall be guided in the exercise of its discretion by:

(i) The population of the county determined by the last official United States census;

(ii) The dollar volume of total fees and taxes collected and excess fees turned over to the State for each of the preceding 5 years by the office of the register for which the salary is being fixed; and

(iii) Other pertinent data which have relation to the reasonableness of the salary in relation to the work done and volume handled by the office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the register of wills in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the register of wills shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 15, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 211 – Motor Vehicle Administration – Digital Photographic Images – Private Detective Agencies.

House Bill 211 authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to make digital photographic images of individuals available to private detective agencies licensed by the State Police. Under current law, the MVA may make digital photographic images and signatures available only to: (1) the courts; (2) criminal justice agencies; (3) driver license authorities; (4) the licensed individual; (5) the individual's attorney; (6) third parties designated by the individual; and (7) the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

The General Assembly has recently enacted legislation to increase the privacy protections for MVA records. In 1997, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 260 and House Bill 710 (Chapters 338 and 339 of the Acts of 1997), which allowed the MVA to disclose personal information unless an individual requested that the MVA