H.B. 232 VETOES

This bill legalizes the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code, and any supplement, to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 134, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 230.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 230

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Code - 2003 Edition - Legalization

FOR the purpose of legalizing the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly; and generally relating to the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code and any supplement to the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code, to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, is legalized. The 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code and any supplement shall be deemed and taken in all the courts of the State and by all public officials of the State and its political subdivisions to be evidence of the law enacted by the General Assembly contained in the Code or a supplement to it.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

May 25, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401–1991

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 232 - Family Law - Adoption Search, Contact, and Reunion Services - Siblings.

House Bill 232 expands the adoption search, contact, and reunion services program within the Department of Human Resources that currently applies to adopted individuals and biological parents. This program establishes a process conducted by confidential intermediaries for adoptees and biological parents to locate each other