

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 576 - *Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - Emergency Responders*.

This bill defines the term "emergency responder" for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and includes in the defined term specified firefighters, emergency medical services providers, rescue squad members, county employees, and law enforcement officers.

House Bill 689, 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 576.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 576

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - Emergency Responders

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain emergency responders and certain law enforcement officers may be a party to~~ defining the term "emergency responder" for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact; under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; including in the defined term certain firefighters, certain emergency medical services providers, certain rescue squad members, certain county employees, and certain law enforcement officers; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,