

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 755 - *Ground Rents - Property Owned by Baltimore City - Reimbursement for Expenses - Notices*.

This bill provides that in any suit to recover back rent, a ground rent landlord may recover no more than 3 years back rent if the property is owned by Baltimore City. It also specifies a single place to send documents regarding ground rents on Baltimore City properties.

House Bill 458, 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 755.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**Senate Bill 755**

AN ACT concerning

**Ground Rents - Property Owned by Baltimore City - Reimbursement for Expenses - Notices**

FOR the purpose of providing that in any suit, action, or proceeding to recover back rent, a ground rent landlord may only recover not more than a certain amount of back rent if the property is owned by Baltimore City and is abandoned or distressed under certain circumstances; authorizing a ground rent landlord of property that is owned by Baltimore City and is abandoned or distressed to request the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire the reversionary interest under the ground rent for a certain value under certain circumstances; prohibiting the application of a certain provision regarding reimbursement of a ground rent holder's expenses to collect a ground rent on property that is owned by Baltimore City and is abandoned or distressed under certain circumstances;