

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 979 - *Frederick County Commissioners - Zoning and Planning - Public Ethics*.

This bill establishes ethics requirements for planning and zoning proceedings in Frederick County.

House Bill 1344, 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 979.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 979

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County Commissioners - Zoning and Planning - Public Ethics

FOR the purpose of establishing certain ethics requirements that relate to planning and zoning proceedings and apply to members of the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners and certain other persons; prohibiting certain campaign contributions by certain persons under certain circumstances; prohibiting a Board member from participating in certain planning and zoning proceedings; requiring a Board member who communicates ex parte with an individual concerning a certain application to file a disclosure within a certain time; allowing a party of record in certain planning and zoning proceedings to submit certain affidavits; requiring the Frederick County Ethics Commission to direct and control the enforcement of this Act; requiring the County Manager to perform certain administrative functions and prepare certain reports; establishing certain requirements and procedures for judicial review of certain planning and zoning proceedings; establishing certain penalties for a violation