

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 165 - *Baltimore City - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and Lexington Market, Inc.*

This bill provides that the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City, meets the definition of "local government" for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act. With the passage of this law, the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and its employees may not raise as a defense a limitation on liability; providing that the notice requirement does not apply to actions for unliquidated damages.

Senate Bill 16, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 165.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**House Bill 165**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and Lexington Market, Inc.**

FOR the purpose of including the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City, in the definition of "local government" for the purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act; providing that Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and its employees may not raise as a defense a certain limitation on liability; providing for the application of this Act; providing that a certain notice requirement does not apply to a certain action for unliquidated damages; and generally relating to the Local Government Tort Claims Act and the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation and Lexington Market, Inc., in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-301(d) ~~and 5-303(f)~~, 5-303(f), and 5-304(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 5-304(b)