

State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 778.

This bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to borrow not more than \$3,000,000 in order to finance the cost of economic redevelopment in Dorchester County through the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds. Additionally the bill authorizes the County to use the proceeds of the bonds to make loans and also empowers the County to collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds.

House Bill 1401, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 778.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 778

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Eastern Shore Hospital Center Redevelopment Bonds

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$3,000,000 in order to finance, with certain restrictions, certain economic redevelopment projects in Dorchester County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to provide loans or grants or any combination thereof, with any part or with all of the proceeds of the bonds, to any person or entity for the purpose of financing any part or all of the costs of such economic redevelopment projects; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds or refunding bonds, if the interest on or income derived from the bonds is not exempt from State, local, or other taxation in the State; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for