

May 22, 2008

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1555 – *Baltimore City Land Bank Authority*.

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to establish a land bank authority for the purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating, or transferring real property or an interest in real property. The bill prohibits the land bank authority from exercising eminent domain actions or levying any tax. The bill further authorizes Baltimore City to take specified actions by ordinance to provide for the disposition of property and obligations of the authority on its termination.

Senate Bill 911, 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 1555.

Sincerely,

Governor

House Bill 1555

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Land Bank ~~Authorities~~ Establishment by Counties
Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing ~~a county~~ Baltimore City to establish a land bank authority by ordinance; requiring an ordinance establishing an authority to include certain articles of incorporation; requiring certain articles of incorporation to be filed, accepted, and amended in a certain manner; authorizing ~~a county creating an authority~~ Baltimore City to take certain actions by ordinance; providing for the disposition of property and obligations of an authority on termination; requiring an ordinance creating an authority to establish and provide for a board of directors; ~~providing that the procedure of a county incorporating an authority control in certain circumstances~~; establishing