

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 143 - *Real Property - Electronic Recording Pilot Program*.

This bill authorizes the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish a pilot program for electronic recording or indexing of deeds and certain other instruments in land records, to be governed by Maryland Rule 16-307 and funded out of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

House Bill 331, 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 143.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

### Senate Bill 143

AN ACT concerning

### Real Property - Electronic Recording Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts, in collaboration with the other members of the oversight committee of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund, to establish a pilot program for electronic filing of certain instruments relating to real property; requiring that the pilot program be governed by the Maryland Rules; authorizing the pilot program to waive ~~certain~~ certain or modify certain methods, procedures, and requirements for recording or indexing; requiring costs of the pilot program to be paid from the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund; providing for the validity and effectiveness of certain instruments filed in accordance with the pilot program; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to land records.