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We have to edit a few points, but this is the general message. Vetoing the proviso again because it still doesn't actually put the State Museum on a level playing field with those other museums. Update is that we're endorsing the bill that would create a permanent fix.

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**Veto 28      Part IB, Page 359; Section 29, State Museum Commission; Proviso 29.10 – MUSM:  
Admissions Tax Exemption**

This proviso would permit the State Museum to continue to charge visitors the 5% admissions tax, but to retain the proceeds instead of remitting them to the state, as required by current law. Last year, the General Assembly sustained my veto of a similar proviso.

Section 12-21-2420(4) exempts county, municipal, and private museums from charging their visitors the admissions tax. The State Museum has argued that it should receive the same treatment as those institutions, and I am receptive to that argument. Unfortunately, that's not what this proviso would accomplish.

Section 12-21-2420(4) exempts "religious, charitable, scientific, or educational" institutions from charging visitors the admissions tax in the first place. Under this proviso, visitors to the State Museum would still pay the admissions tax; the difference is that the State Museum would now keep the money instead of remitting it to the state.

Earlier this month, the Senate passed a bill (S.474) that actually would have the effect of giving the State Museum the same treatment that these other institutions now receive; I would be willing to sign this bill. In the meantime, I ask that you again sustain my veto of this proviso.

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