

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 374 - *Worcester County - Sheriff's Office - Personnel Policies*.

This bill establishes a minimum annual salary of \$85,000 for the Sheriff of Worcester County and authorizes the Sheriff to appoint specified employees. Furthermore, the bill requires the County Commissioners of Worcester County to pay specified expenses of the Sheriff's Office. Finally, it is established that the chief deputy sheriff serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff and upon removal will revert to their prior held position within the Sheriff's office.

House Bill 323, 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 374.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor