

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 442 – *Deferred Retirement Option Program Participants – Application of Line of Duty Disability Benefits*.

This bill limits the circumstances under which retirees of the State Police Retirement System or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, that are participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, may apply for line of duty disability retirements.

Senate Bill 422, 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 442.

Sincerely,

Governor