

May 22, 2012

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 769 – *Unemployment Insurance – Coverage – Victims of Domestic Violence*.

This bill allows an individual to receive unemployment insurance if the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation determines the individual voluntarily left employment because the individual or individual's spouse, minor child, or parent was a victim of domestic violence.

Senate Bill 291, 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 769.

Sincerely,

Governor