

May 12, 2015

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 173 – *Workers' Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption – Anne Arundel County Detention Officers*.

This bill extends the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Anne Arundel County detention officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requires Anne Arundel County detention officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff; and allows benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation.

Senate Bill 135, 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 173.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.