May 26, 2006

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 1482 - *State Police Retirement System - Special Disability Retirement - Former Members*.

This bill requires the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept an application for special disability that is submitted prior to December 31, 2006, by specified former members of the State Police Retirement System; and requires specified former members of the State Police Retirement System to repay their member contributions to the Board of Trustees on or before a specified date.

Senate Bill 622, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1482.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor