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 1489 – *Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership - Local Detention Center Officers*.

This bill authorizes local detention center officers of counties and municipal corporations in the State to participate in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2006; providing for the procedures counties and municipal corporations are required to follow to withdraw from the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; requires the transfer of funds to the accumulation fund of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and defines specified terms.

Senate Bill 475, 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 1489.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor