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 1497 – *Health Insurance - Coverage for Services Following a Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle.* 

This bill repeals the termination date for insurance coverage for home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

Senate Bill 491, 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 1497.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor