May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 784 - *State Personnel - Disciplinary Actions - Costs of Appeals to the Office of Administrative Hearings*.

This bill requires principal units that employ employees who appeal decisions concerning disciplinary actions to pay the costs related to the appeal incurred by the Office of Administrative Hearings; and provides for a delayed effective date.

House Bill 1032, 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 Senate Bill 784.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor