

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 849 – *Workers' Compensation - Civil Defense Volunteers - Emergencies*.

This bill provides that specified civil defense volunteers are covered employees under specified circumstances; designates the State as the employer for these covered employees; repeals specified provisions under workers' compensation law that exclude workers' compensation coverage for specified volunteers from specified counties; requires volunteers who are covered employees to meet specified qualifications; establishes a specified formula for calculating specified benefits; and defines specified terms.

House Bill 1005, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 849.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor