

May 17, 2007

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 744 - *Former Governors - Death Benefits - Surviving Spouses*.

This bill corrects an oversight in the pension law by providing that regardless of a former Governor's age at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive a monthly retirement allowance equal to a specified percent of the benefit due to the former Governor.

House Bill 1013, 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 744.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor