

May 19, 2009

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 591 – *State Retirement and Pension System – Military Service Credit – Clarification and Simplification*.

This bill conforms State pension law to reflect recent changes to the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 and the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007. Among other changes, the bill provides death and disability benefits to individuals who are members of a State or local retirement or pension system who die or become disabled on or after January 1, 2007, while performing military service that interrupts their employment.

House Bill 975, 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 591.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor