

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 863 – *State Retirement and Pension System – Workers' Compensation Offset*.

This bill requires the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System 1) to adjust its offset of an accidental or special disability retirement benefit if the retiree was originally awarded an ordinary disability retirement benefit that was later converted to an accidental or special disability benefit; and 2) the adjusted offset must reflect any offset awarded to the retiree's employer by the Workers' Compensation Commission, and it is retroactive.

Senate Bill 486, 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 863.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor