

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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 742 – *State Retirement and Pension System – COVID-19-Related Death Benefits – Sunset Extension*.

This bill extends termination dates and application of Chapters 421 and 422 of 2021, which make members of the State Retirement and Pension System who die while employed and for whom COVID-19 caused or contributed to their death, eligible for a line-of-duty death benefit subject to specified conditions.

Senate Bill 409, 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 742.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor