

May 22, 2008

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 488 – *State Police Retirement System – Survivor Benefits*.

This bill repeals a supplemental survivor death benefit for spouses of retired State Police officers. The bill increases the standard survivor benefit for surviving spouses and minor children of retirees of the State Police Retirement System from 50% to 80% of the retiree's allowance at the time of the retiree's death.

House Bill 482, 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 488.

Sincerely,

Governor