

AN ACT concerning

State Officers and State Employees

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Public Works to grant, from certain sources, a sum to satisfy all or part of a ~~judgment or settlement~~ settlement or judgment rendered by a court against a State officer or State employee; specifying the terms and conditions upon which the Board may grant this sum; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; providing that the immunities or defenses available to an individual State officer or employee remain unaffected by the provisions of this Act; defining terms; providing that the defense of Sovereign Immunity is not abrogated in certain cases; providing that the action of the Board is final; requiring the State Law Department to appear and defend certain civil actions instituted against a State officer or employee, subject to certain conditions; clarifying the defense of certain criminal actions by the Attorney General; expanding the State Insurance Trust Fund to include all sums appropriated for the purpose of paying a grant made by the Board of Public Works to a State officer or employee; authorizing the State Treasurer to provide self-insurance for losses sustained by employees if such losses are certified as payable by the Board of Public Works; and generally relating to the defense of certain civil actions instituted against certain public officers or employees and the payment of certain judgments or settlements rendered against certain public officers or public employees.

May 29, 1978

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 950.

This Administration bill relates to the defense of certain civil actions instituted against and the payment of certain judgments or settlements rendered against certain public officers and public employees.

Senate Bill 594, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1978, is the companion Administration measure which accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 950.