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 740.

This bill prescribes cases in which attorney's fees, recoverable by law or contract, are not to be included when determining the exclusive original civil jurisdiction of the District Court.

Senate Bill 322, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 740.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

House Bill No. 743

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AN ACT concerning

1-503.

Circuit Court Judges

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of circuit court judges in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 1-503(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings