Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 479.

This bill allows certain members of the Employees' Retirement System and the Pension System for employees of the State of Maryland to participate in the Optional Retirement Program.

Senate Bill 269, 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 479.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

House Bill No. 479

AN ACT concerning

Pensions - Participation in the Optional Retirement Program

FOR the purpose of allowing certain members of the Employees' Retirement System and the Pension System for employees of the State of Maryland to participate in the Optional Retirement Program; and making certain corrective and technical changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 73B - Pensions Section 110(d), (e), (f), (i), and (k) Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

The Speaker put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Affirmative: 3 Negative: 125

(See Roll Call No. 2081)

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained.