

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1125 – *Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options*.

This bill establishes a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options; provides for the membership, chair, principles, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requires the Department of Budget and Management to provide the Commission with specified information; requires the Department of Budget and Management to fund the hiring of more than one actuarial firm and health care consulting firm by the Commission; and requires the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its findings.

Senate Bill 431, 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 1125.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1125

AN ACT concerning

Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options

FOR the purpose of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options; providing for the membership, chair, principles, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide the Commission with certain information; requiring the Department to fund the hiring of certain consulting firms by the Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its findings; authorizing certain funds to be transferred, only for a certain fiscal year and only as provided in the budget bill, to the Dedicated Purpose Account to be used for a certain purpose; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options.

BY adding to