VETOES

31-305.

- (a) As of the effective date of withdrawal of a participating governmental unit, the Board of Trustees shall transfer to the administrative board of the local pension system the portion of the assets that are allocable to the withdrawn employees as determined under § 21–305.5, § 21–305.6, § 21–306, [or] § 21–306.1, OR 26–306.2 of this article.
- (b) The administrative board of the local pension system shall hold the transferred assets in trust to provide retirement benefits for the withdrawn employees.

31-306.

A participating governmental unit shall pay all administrative costs involved in the withdrawal or reentry if the participating governmental unit:

- (1) withdraws its employees from the employees' systems, Local Fire and Police System, [or] Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, OR THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; or
- (2) elects to participate in the employees' systems, Local Fire and Police System, [or] Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, OR THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM for employees who were previously withdrawn.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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 1497 – Health Insurance – Coverage for Services Following a Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle.

This bill repeals the termination date for insurance coverage for home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

Senate Bill 491, 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 1497.

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