other laws and may not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 520 – Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment of Retirees.

This bill exempts from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System who are reemployed as health care practitioners under specified circumstances. The bill also provides that specified retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System may be reemployed for a period of not more than 4 years. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to report to the Joint Committee on Pensions by September 1 of each year.

House Bill 758, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 520.

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

Senate Bill No. 520

AN ACT concerning

Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment of Retirees

FOR the purpose of exempting from a certain offset of a retirement allowance for certain retirees of, and individuals receiving a vested allowance from, the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System who are