

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 838 – *Public Safety Employees Killed in Performance of Duties – Death Benefits – Heart Attack or Stroke*.

This bill provides that a specified individual who dies from a heart attack or stroke shall be presumed to have died in the performance of duties under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1276, 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 838.

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

Senate Bill No. 838

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety Employees Killed in Performance of Duties – Death Benefits – Heart Attack or Stroke

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the amount of the death benefit for certain individuals who are killed or die in the performance of duties;~~ providing that an a certain individual who dies from a heart attack or stroke shall be presumed to have died in the performance of duties under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain term; and generally relating to death benefits for employees killed in the performance of duties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

1–202.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Child” means a natural or adopted, legitimate or illegitimate child or stepchild of the decedent.

(ii) “Child” includes a child or stepchild born posthumously.