May 26, 2005

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 22 - State Employees - Military Administrative Leave - Sunset Extension.

This bill extends the termination date for the use of military administrative leave or specified paid leave for State employees who were on active military duty on July 1, 2003 or were activated for military duty on or after July 1, 2003. The Act terminates on June 30, 2006.

Senate Bill 31, 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 22.

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

House Bill No. 22

AN ACT concerning

State Employees - Military Administrative Leave - Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for the use of military administrative leave or certain paid leave for certain State employees who are on active military duty on a certain date or are activated for military duty on or after a certain date; and generally relating to military administrative leave for State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 9-1107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 389 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003, as amended by Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004

Section 2

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