SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 659.

This bill prohibits an employer from depriving an employee of the employee's employment solely because of job time lost as a result of the employee's response to a subpoena to appear as a witness at certain proceedings.

House Bill 17, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 659.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 659

AN ACT concerning

Witnesses - Loss of Employment

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from depriving an employee of the employee's employment solely because of job time lost as a result of the employee's response to a subpoena to appear as a witness at certain proceedings; providing-a-penalty-for-a-violation-of-this-Act; and generally relating to witnesses' employment security.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 9-205 Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)