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 746.

This bill requires a medical examiner to conduct an autopsy of any fire fighter who dies from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Investigation as to the source of fumes must be made by the medical examiner if toxic fumes were the cause of death.

House Bill 1563, 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 746.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 746

AN ACT concerning

Autopsies on Fire Fighters

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements and conditions under which autopsies shall be performed on certain fire fighters; making the provisions of law on autopsies of fire fighters applicable to certain personnel of the State Fire Marshal's Office; specifying the circumstances under which autopsies shall be performed; requiring certain investigations under certain circumstances; specifying the sufficiency of these autopsies for certain purposes; setting forth certain provisions for informational purposes; and generally relating to the performance of autopsies on fire fighters who die in the line of duty or as result of injuries sustained in the line of duty.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General