WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 323.

This bill includes job-related commissions or fees under the definition of "earnings" in Title 10 of the Family Law Article. The bill clarifies that an employer may deduct and retain \$2 from an employee's earnings for each deduction made under an earnings withholding order.

Senate Bill 245, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29, 1987, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 323.

Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

House Bill No. 323

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Withholding Orders on Earnings - Commissions and Fees

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of "earnings" to include, for the purpose of withholding orders on earnings, commissions and fees paid to the obligor in connection with the obligor's employment; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to withholding orders on earnings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law Section 10-101(c) and 10-125(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

10-101.

- (c) "Earnings" includes: [any]
- (1) ANY form of periodic payment to an individual, including: