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- (2) THE GOOD FAITH OF THE VIOLATOR;
- (3) THE VIOLATOR'S HISTORY OF PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS:
- (4) THE DELETERIOUS EFFECT OF THE VIOLATION ON THE PUBLIC;
- (5) THE ASSETS OF THE VIOLATOR; AND
- $\mbox{ (6)} \quad$ ANY OTHER FACTOR RELEVANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE CIVIL PENALTY.

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- (A) A PERSON WHO IS INJURED BY A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY FILE AN ACTION TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM OR FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.
- (B) (1) A COURT MAY AWARD A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF UNDER THIS SECTION:
- $\frac{(\mathbf{I})}{\mathbf{ACTUALLY}}$ UP TO 3 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF $\underline{\mathbf{ACTUAL}}$ DAMAGES ACTUALLY-INCURRED, AND
- (H) (2) AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE PLAINTIFF TO THE DEFENDANT, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, AND COSTS.
- (2) IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A COURT DETERMINES BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT A VIOLATION WAS WILLFUL, THE COURT MAY AWARD PUNITIVE DAMAGES TO THE PLAINTIFF.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 466 - Caroline County - Sheriff's Salary - Increase.

This bill raises the annual salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County from \$45,000 to \$49,500.

House Bill 447, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 466.

Sincerely,