

BALTIMORE CITY, deputy sheriff of Prince George's County, or Prince George's County correctional officer who is eligible for benefits under subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section shall receive the benefits in addition to any benefits that the individual is entitled to receive under the retirement system in which the individual was a participant at the time of the claim.

(2) The benefits received under this title shall be adjusted so that the weekly total of those benefits and retirement benefits does not exceed the weekly salary that was paid to the paid law enforcement employee of the Department of Natural Resources, firefighter, fire fighting instructor, sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, police officer, deputy sheriff, or Prince George's County correctional officer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 9-503(b)(2) of the Labor and Employment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, a Baltimore City deputy sheriff who is employed on or before September 30, 2003:

(1) as a condition of continued employment shall provide to the Baltimore City Sheriff on or before December 31, 2003, a copy of a medical report disclosing and describing any existing heart disease or hypertension from which the deputy sheriff may be suffering; and

(2) is entitled to the presumption under § 9-503(b) of the Labor and Employment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, only to the extent that the individual suffers from heart disease or hypertension that is more severe than the individual's heart disease or hypertension condition existing as of the date of the medical report provided under paragraph (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 21, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 747 - Maryland Efficiency Standards Act.

House Bill 747 establishes minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products to be sold in Maryland after March 1, 2005 or installed in Maryland after January 1, 2006. These products include certain lighting fixtures, unit heaters, ceiling fans, traffic signals, and commercial clothes washers.

The Department of Business and Economic Development opposed this legislation during bill hearings.