PAYMENT OF LOST WAGES AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES RESULTING FROM A SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY TO AN APPLICANT FROM A STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, LESS ANY AMOUNT FOR LOST PAY WAGES RESULTING FROM AN UNRELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, IF:

- (1) THE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE APPLICANT; AND
- (2) THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF EACH CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST THE APPLICANT RESULTED IN A DISMISSAL, NOLLE PROSEQUI, OR AN ACQUITTAL.
- (B) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY NOT APPROVE PAYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION IF:
- (1) THE APPLICANT IS TERMINATED FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS A RESULT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING RESULTING FROM THE SAME CRIMINAL CHARGES; OR
- (2) THE APPLICANT RESIGNS FROM THE APPLICANT'S POSITION WITH THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BEFORE RESUMING DUTIES FOR PAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any application for payment for lost wages or attorneys' fees described in this Act filed on or after September 25, 2000.

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

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 943 – Municipal Corporations – Proposed Annexation Resolutions – Notice and Hearing Requirements.

This bill alters the newspaper publication and public hearing requirements for a proposed annexation resolution for 25 acres of land or less by a municipal corporation.

Senate Bill 467, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 943.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor