

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 173 - Judges' Retirement System - Death Benefits - Multiple Beneficiaries.

This bill allows a retiree of the Judges' Retirement System who has no spouse or minor children at the time of retirement and who elects to receive a reduced allowance, to designate multiple beneficiaries to receive a lump-sum payment of any remaining pension balance at the time of the retiree's death. The bill also creates a lump-sum death benefit that would be payable to the member's designated beneficiary or beneficiaries if the member dies prior to retirement and has no surviving spouse or minor children at the time of death.

Senate Bill 171, 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 173.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 173

AN ACT concerning

#### **Judges' Retirement System - Death Benefits - Multiple Beneficiaries**

FOR the purpose of providing certain members and certain retirees of the Judges' Retirement System with the option of designating multiple beneficiaries for certain death benefits; creating a lump-sum death benefit for certain beneficiaries of certain members of the Judges' Retirement System; and generally relating to death benefits of certain members and certain retirees of the Judges' Retirement System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 21-401(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 21-403(a), 27-403, and 27-405  
Annotated Code of Maryland