

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 835 – *Personnel and Pensions – Dependents of Maryland Transit Administration Retirees – Health Benefits*.

This bill alters the eligibility requirements for specified health insurance benefits to include specified surviving spouses and dependent children of a deceased Maryland Transit Administration retiree. It provides that specified dependents who receive a lump-sum payment of benefits under the Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan are ineligible for specified health insurance benefits, and alters the definition of “creditable service” to include service while a member of the Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan.

Senate Bill 63, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 835.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**House Bill No. 835**

AN ACT concerning

**Personnel and Pensions – Dependents of Maryland Transit Administration Retirees – Health Benefits**

FOR the purpose of providing that certain surviving spouses and dependent children of Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan retirees are eligible to receive certain health insurance benefits; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to health insurance benefits for Maryland Transit Administration Retirement Plan retirees and their surviving spouses and dependent children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 2–508  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Personnel and Pensions**