In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 693 - HIV Testing - Exposure - Forensic Scientist.

This bill includes a forensic scientist who works under the direction of a law enforcement agency within the definition of a public safety worker required to test for HIV in the event of a specified exposure.

House Bill 216, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 693.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

Senate Bill 693

AN ACT concerning

HIV Testing - Prohibited Exposure - Victims Forensic Scientist

FOR the purpose of including a forensic scientist who works under the direction of a law enforcement agency within the list of possible victims of prohibited exposure to HIV; including a forensic scientist who works under the direction of a law enforcement agency within the definition of a public safety worker required to test for HIV in the event of a certain exposure; and generally relating to victims of prohibited HIV exposure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article—Criminal Procedure Section 11–107 Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 18–338.3(a)(8) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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