

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 744 - *Former Governors - Death Benefits - Surviving Spouses*.

This bill corrects an oversight in the pension law by providing that regardless of a former Governor's age at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive a monthly retirement allowance equal to a specified percent of the benefit due to the former Governor.

House Bill 1013, 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 744.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**Senate Bill 744**

AN ACT concerning

**Former Governors - Death Benefits - Surviving Spouses**

FOR the purpose of providing certain death benefits to surviving spouses of former Governors; and generally relating to death benefits for surviving spouses of former Governors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 22-405  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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