

(d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, unless the defendant can affirmatively show that its defense has been prejudiced by lack of required notice, upon motion and for good cause shown the court may entertain the suit even though the required notice was not given.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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May 17, 2007

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 252 - *Frederick County - Collective Bargaining - Representatives for Correctional Officers*.

This bill authorizes the representatives of full-time correctional officers in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to collectively bargain with the Sheriff of Frederick County concerning wages and benefits. The bill requires that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated agreement be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Frederick County.

Senate Bill 565, 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 252.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**House Bill 252**

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