In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 103 – *Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act.*

This bill enacts the Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act to establish procedures for requesting and issuing a subpoena in this State to compel witness testimony at a deposition, document discovery, or inspection of premises in a case filed in a foreign jurisdiction. This bill also establishes that specified Maryland Rules apply to subpoenas issued under the Act which repeals existing provisions of law relating to foreign depositions.

House Bill 88, 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 103.

Sincerely,

Governor

Senate Bill 103

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act

FOR the purpose of enacting the Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act; establishing procedures for requesting and issuing certain subpoenas; providing for the service of certain subpoenas; establishing that certain Maryland Rules apply to certain subpoenas; requiring that an application for a protective order or to enforce, quash, or modify certain subpoenas comply with certain rules and statutes and be filed in a certain court; requiring certain consideration to be given in applying and construing this Act; defining certain terms; repealing existing provisions of law relating to foreign depositions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to interstate depositions and discovery.

BY repealing
    Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
    Section 9–401 through 9–403 and the subtitle "Subtitle 4. Foreign Depositions"
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to
    Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
    Section 9–401 through 9–407 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4.
        Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act"