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 990 - Frederick County - Employees' Pension System - Alternate Contributory Pension Selection.

This bill authorizes Frederick County to pay the additional liabilities that result from its employees' participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection enacted in 2006. The bill also allows participating Frederick County employees to purchase service credit for their employment from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007. The bill is contingent on the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County voting to approve its employees' participation in Alternate Contributory Pension Selection by July 1, 2007.

Senate Bill 961, 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 990.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

House Bill 990

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Employees' Pension System – Alternate Contributory
Pension Selection

FOR the purpose of allowing the employees of Frederick County who are members of the Employees' Pension System to become subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection that alters the benefits those members receive and requires a certain member contribution; authorizing the purchase of service credit under certain circumstances; requiring Frederick County to pay for certain additional pension liabilities according to a certain amortization schedule approved by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; making this