

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 293 – *State Finance and Procurement – Retention of Percentage of Contract – Security*.

This bill alters a specified percentage that may be retained by a public body under a specified contract under specified circumstances and repeals an authorization for a public body to retain a specified percentage of a specified contract under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 140, 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 293.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley