

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 448 – *State Government – Notary Public – Appointment*.

This bill authorizes a State Senator to delegate to the Secretary of State the Senator's authority to approve an applicant for notary public and authorizes the Governor to appoint and commission, under specified circumstances, an individual as a notary public on approval by the Secretary. This bill requires an application for notary public, under specified circumstances, to bear or be accompanied by the written approval of the Secretary.

Senate Bill 190, 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 448.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley