

May 15, 2014

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 430 – *Commercial Law – Patent Infringement – Assertions Made in Bad Faith*.

The bill prohibits a person from making specified assertions of patent infringement in bad faith and authorizing a court to consider specified factors as evidence of whether a person has made an assertion of patent infringement in bad faith or in good faith and authorizing specified individuals to bring an action in a specified court to recover for injuries or losses sustained as a result of a violation of the Act and authorizing a court to award damages and remedies under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 585, 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 430.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley