

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 735 – *Financial Institutions – Interest Payable on Escrow Accounts and Specific Purpose Savings Accounts*.

The bill alters the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property and alters the interest rate payable by specified banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose and applying the Act retroactively to escrow accounts and savings accounts in existence on or after January 1, 2014.

Senate Bill 583, 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 735.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley