

May 15, 2014

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 73 – *Talbot County – Chesapeake Bay Critical Area – Prosecution or Civil Suit for Certain Violations*.

The bill requires a criminal prosecution or a suit for a civil penalty for a violation of specified local laws relating to environmental protection or natural resource conservation occurring in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area in Talbot County to be brought within 3 years after the local authorities in fact knew or reasonably should have known of the violation. The Act is applied prospectively.

House Bill 58, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 73.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley