

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 542 – *Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance-Level and In-Service Training Requirements (Christopher’s Law)*.

The bill requires the Police Training Commission to require that specified entrance-level and in-service training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school must include: training in lifesaving techniques, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); training in the proper level and use of force; training regarding sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity; and training regarding individuals with physical, intellectual, developmental, and psychiatric disabilities.

House Bill 294, 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 542.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O’Malley