May 12, 2015

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 12 – *Workers' Compensation – Baltimore County Deputy Sheriff.* 

This bill alters a specified definition of "public safety employee" to include a deputy sheriff in Baltimore County when performing duties directly related to courthouse security, prisoner transportation, service of warrants, personnel management, or other administrative duties for purposes of providing for enhanced compensation benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a specified number of weeks under specified circumstances; and applies the Act prospectively.

Senate Bill 331, 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 12.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.