

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 462 – *Public Safety – Statewide Accounting of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits*.

This bill requires a specified law enforcement agency or other State or local agency to conduct an inventory of specified sexual assault kit evidence on or before January 1, 2016; requiring a specified agency to prepare a report regarding untested sexual assault evidence collection kits on or before March 1, 2016; requires the report to be submitted to the Attorney General; and requires the Attorney General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified report and specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2016.

Senate Bill 498, 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 462.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.