

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 689 – *Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Liquidated Damages*.

This bill makes a contractor under a public work contract that knew or reasonably should have known of the contractor's obligation to pay the prevailing wage rate, and that deliberately failed or refused to pay the prevailing wage rate, is liable to a public body for liquidated damages of \$250 for each laborer or other employee under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 1009, which was passed by the General Assembly and went into effect without my signature,, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 689.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.