

May 26, 2017

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 991 – *State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Participation by Satellite Organizations*.

This bill alters the definition of “qualifying not-for-profit organization”, to clarify that a corporation, limited liability company, or any other entity that is wholly owned by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., may participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 382, 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 991.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor