

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 109 – *Procurement – Prohibitions on Participation*.

This bill establishes that existing provisions that preclude participation in State procurements, under certain circumstances, apply for at least two years – following the issuance of the first relevant invitation for bids (IFB) or request for proposals (RFP) – until two years from the date of issuance or the awarding of a contract/reissuance. The prohibitions do not apply to a subsequent IFB or RFP for which the specifications are reused after the initial prohibition is no longer applicable. The bill also clarifies that the existing prohibitions apply to a person that employs the individual during the period of assistance.

House Bill 283, 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 109.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor