

May 25, 2018

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 54 – *State Highway Administration – Sale or Lease of Naming Rights for Rest Areas and Welcome Centers*.

This bill authorizes the State Highway Administration (SHA) to sell or lease the naming rights for rest areas or welcome centers within State highway rights-of-way to a private entity, if doing so is consistent with federal regulations governing the distribution of federal highway funds to the State. The bill establishes conditions and requirements relating to such authority. All proceeds from the sale or lease of naming rights must be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Senate Bill 24, 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 54.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor