May 19, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 118 – State Athletic Commission – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

This bill continues the State Athletic Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law), by extending to July 1, 2021 the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission. The bill also requires that an evaluation of the Commission be performed on or before July 1, 2020 and that the Commission make a specified report on or before October 1, 2013.

House Bill 61, 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 118.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor