

May 16, 2013

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, today I have vetoed House Bill 542 – *Criminal Law – Aggravated Animal Cruelty – Baiting*.

This bill prohibits a person from using or allowing a dog to be used for baiting. This bill also prohibits a person from possessing, owning, selling, transporting, or training a dog with the intent to use the dog for baiting and a person from knowingly allowing specified premises to be used for baiting.

Senate Bill 360, 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 542.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley