

May 16, 2013

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 766 – *Business Occupations – Oil and Gas Land Professionals – Registration*.

This bill prohibits a person from operating as an oil or gas land professional in the State unless the person registers with and obtains a registration certificate from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. The bill requires a person to register as a land professional in a specified manner and the Department to assign a registration number and issue a registration certificate to a specified person. This bill also requires a land professional to provide specified proof to a property owner before obtaining specified mineral rights.

House Bill 828, 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 766.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley