

May 15, 2014

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 147 – *Montgomery County – Maryland Tort Claims Act – Human Services Torts MC 13-14*.

The bill clarifies, for purposes of the Maryland Tort Claims Act, that (1) Montgomery County acts as a unit of the State when the county administers a human services program under Title 3, Subtitle 4 of the Human Services Article, and (2) for a tort claim filed in State court arising out of Montgomery County's administration of a State human services program, the plaintiff must name the State as the proper defendant.

Senate Bill 299, 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 147.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley