

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 173 – *Public Safety – Prohibition of Polygraph Examinations by Employers – Exemption*.

This bill allows the use of polygraph tests as a condition of employment for a correctional officer applicant, and the use of a polygraph test for an individual who is already employed as a correctional officer or other employee in a State correctional facility or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate in a State correctional facility.

Senate Bill 126, 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 173.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley