

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 665 – *Crimes Relating to Animals – Surgery on Dogs – Penalties*.

The bill prohibits a person, other than a licensed veterinarian using anesthesia when appropriate, from performing specified procedures on a dog and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act.

Senate Bill 659, 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 665.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley