

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 705 – *Victims of Crime – Legal Representatives of Minors and Disabled and Elderly Persons*.

This bill authorizes a legal representative to request criminal injuries compensation, restitution, or any other financial property interest on behalf of a decedent or a beneficiary who is or was a victim of a crime. In addition, the bill authorizes a court to order a legal representative to serve as a victim's representative to assert the victim's interests under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 940, 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 705.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley