

May 15, 2014

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 407 – *Public Ethics – Chesapeake Bay Trust – Exemptions and Conflict of Interest Provisions*.

The bill provides that the trustees and employees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust are exempt from the provisions of the Public Ethics Law subject to the adoption of conflict of interest provisions for nonprofit organizations and requiring the Trust to keep on file and make available for public inspection specified conflict of interest provisions and making specified technical changes.

House Bill 129, 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 407.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley