

May 12, 2015

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 223 – *Pilots – Recreational Vessels – Employment Requirement*.

This bill requires that a recreational vessel that meets specified parameters employ a licensed pilot to pilot the vessel when it is underway on the navigable waters of the State; defines a certain term; and makes the Act an emergency measure.

Senate Bill 215, 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 223.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.