

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 224 – *Domestic Violence – 2-Year Protective Order*.

This bill specifies that a court may issue a protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under specified circumstances; and authorizes a judge, under specified circumstances, to extend the term of a protective order for a specified period of time if the respondent named in the protective order consents to the extension.

Senate Bill 315, 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 224.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.