

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 405 – *Maryland False Claims Act*.

This bill prohibits specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; provides specified penalties for making false claims; requires the court to consider and give special attention to specified factors in determining the amount of fines and penalties to be levied under the Act; authorizes a person and the governmental entity to file a civil action against a person that makes a specified false claim under specified circumstances; and provides for the prospective application of the Act.

Senate Bill 374, 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 405.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.