

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 909 – *Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex-Offenders*.

This bill establishes the Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex-Offenders to encourage the establishment of small businesses by individuals exiting the correctional system; and requires the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to establish by January 1, 2016 a pilot program for the training of individuals exiting the correctional system.

Senate Bill 582, 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 909.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.