

May 12, 2015

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 270 – *Protective Order and Peace Order Petitions – Maryland Residents*.

This bill authorizes the filing of a protective order petition if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the person eligible for relief is a resident of the State; authorizes the filing of a peace order petition if a specified act is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the petitioner is a resident of the State; and declares that it is the intent of the General Assembly that an order for protection issued by a court of this State shall be accorded full faith and credit by a court of another state.

House Bill 390, 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 270.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.