

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 576 – *9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple-Line Telephone Systems – Direct Dial (Kari’s Law)*.

This bill requires that, on or before December 31, 2017, a person that installs or operates a multiple-line telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 9-1-1 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to dial any other number or set of numbers; and provides a specified exception for a unit of the Executive Branch of State government.

House Bill 1080, 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 576.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.