

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 59 – *Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce – Renaming and Reorganization*.

This bill renames the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to be the Department of Commerce, repeals the Office of the Secretary of Commerce in the Office of the Governor, repeals the requirement that the Secretary of Commerce employ an Executive Director of the Department, and provides that the Department of Commerce is the successor of the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce.

Senate Bill 85, 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 59.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.