

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 451 – *Admissions and Amusement Tax – Revenue Distribution – Maryland State Arts Council*.

This bill alters a distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars to provide up to an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland. The bill also provides that the Maryland State Arts Council is entitled to a specified revenue distribution from the State admissions and amusement tax, and requires that the funds distributed to the Council be included in the Council's prior fiscal year appropriations.

Senate Bill 377, 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 451.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.