

May 26, 2017

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 447 – *Baltimore City – Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals – Appeals Authority*.

This bill limits the authority of the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to hear and decide certain appeals to instances when the Board is authorized to hear and decide the appeals by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City. This bill also states it does not prohibit an administrative official or unit from making a certain decision when authorized by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City, and establishes that this it does not alter or impair the right to appeal, provided for under certain provisions of the law.

Senate Bill 541, 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 447.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor