

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 702 – *Residential Property – Vacant and Abandoned Property – Expedited Foreclosure*.

This bill authorizes a secured party to petition a circuit court for leave to immediately commence an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on a residential property if the property is vacant and abandoned under certain circumstances, establishes criteria for vacant and abandoned residential property, and requires the court to rule promptly.

Senate Bill 1033, 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 702.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor