

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1148 – *Maryland Stadium Authority – Maryland Sports and Affiliated Foundations – Establishment*.

This bill establishes and codifies an office known as Maryland Sports within the Maryland Stadium Authority, and authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with Maryland Sports. This bill also requires the Maryland Sports Authority to develop policies for the operation of each affiliated foundation it establishes, subject to review and, if appropriate, approval by the Attorney General, as well as the State Ethics Commission. In addition, this bill requires that an independent certified public accountant must be hired and paid for by the Maryland Stadium Authority in order to audit each affiliated foundation each year.

House Bill 1619, 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 1148.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor