

May 25, 2018

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 888 – *Criminal Law – Firearm Crimes – Rapid Fire Trigger Activator*.

This bill prohibits a person from transporting a “rapid fire trigger activator” into the State or manufacturing, possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving a rapid fire trigger activator. In addition, the bill prohibits a person from using a rapid fire trigger activator in the commission of a felony or a crime of violence. The bill allows a person to continue to possess a rapid fire trigger activator until October 1, 2019 if, among other things, the person applies for authorization from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

Senate Bill 707, 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 888.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor