

May 25, 2018

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 575 – *Workers' Compensation – Self-Insured Employers – Suspected Fraud Reporting*.

This bill expands the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration's (MIA) Insurance Fraud Division to encompass investigating and taking action on fraud committed by or against a governmental self-insurance (workers' compensation) group and employers who self-insure. The bill also expands the definition of "insurance fraud" and requires governmental self-insurance (workers' compensation) groups and employers who self-insure or participate in a self-insurance group for workers' compensation to report suspected insurance fraud cases, in writing, to the Insurance Fraud Division. Information submitted to the fraud division in this manner is not subject to public inspection, except under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1499, 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 575.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor