

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 741 – *Public Safety – Handgun Permit Review Board – Appeals*.

This bill alters the process by which a person who is denied a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun, or a renewal of such a permit, or whose permit is revoked or issued with restrictions by the Secretary of State Police, may appeal the decision to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). By December 1, each year, the Handgun Permit Review Board within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) must report to the Governor and the General Assembly on specified items relating to such appeals. The bill also makes the board subject to the Open Meetings Act.

House Bill 819, 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 741.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor