

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 81 – *Property Tax Credit – Surviving Spouse of Veteran*.

This bill changes the eligibility criteria of a local option property tax credit for certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces and surviving spouses by requiring the surviving spouse to be at least 65 years old. This bill also allows a surviving spouse who is under age 65 to continue to receive the property tax credit if the surviving spouse qualified for and received the property tax credit before June 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 816, 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 81.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor