

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 138 – *Law Enforcement – Federal Military Surplus Program – Equipment Acquisition*.

This bill requires the Department of State Police to report on an annual basis, to the Governor and the General Assembly, on the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through “surplus programs” within the preceding calendar year.

This bill also requires the Department of State Police to include in a prominent location on its website a link to the Defense Logistics Agency’s report listing excess Department of Defense property transfers to law enforcement agencies through the Law Enforcement Support Office.

Senate Bill 210, 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 138.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor