

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 215 – *Public Information Act – 9-1-1 Communications – Denial of Part of a Public Record*.

This bill requires that prior to granting inspection under the Maryland Public Information Act of the part of a 9-1-1 communications record that depicts a victim of certain crimes, a custodian must 1) notify the victim or the victim's representative; and 2) consider any response received from the victim or representative before granting or denying the inspection. This bill also requires a custodian to grant or deny an application for inspection of such a record within 50 days after receiving an application to inspect the record. Additionally, this bill requires a custodian to allow inspection by the person in interest.

Senate Bill 5, 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 215.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor