

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 735 – *Technical Study on Changes in Forest Cover and Tree Canopy in Maryland*.

This bill requires the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the Chesapeake Bay Program, as appropriate, to conduct a specified technical study to review changes in forest cover and tree canopy in the State. This bill also requires that the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology report its findings, by a certain date, to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 729, 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 735.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor