

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 1305 – *Estates and Trusts – Administration of Estates – Waiver of Fees – Required*.

This bill requires a register of wills to waive the fees for administration of an estate if (1) the real property of the decedent is to be transferred to an heir of the decedent who resides on the property or is encumbered by a lien and subject to a tax sale; and (2) the estate is unable to pay the fees by reason of poverty.

Senate Bill 261, 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 1305.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor