

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 192 – *Estates and Trusts – Elective Share of Surviving Spouse*.

This bill alters the elective share for a surviving spouse by 1) establishing definitions and procedures for calculating the estate subject to election; 2) expanding and clarifying procedures by which the surviving spouse may elect to take an elective share; (3) establishing additional procedures for the payment of an elective share; and (4) establishing standards for court modification of an elective share. This bill also updates certain personal financial power of attorney and limited power of attorney forms contained in statute; makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes; and applies prospectively.

House Bill 99, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 192.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor