

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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 372 – *Baltimore City – Board of License Commissioners – Licensee Hours of Operation and Enforcement*.

This bill requires certain licensed establishments within a specified geographical area of Baltimore City to close by 10:00 p.m., unless a covered establishment meets specified conditions relating to security plans. The bill requires covered establishments to maintain and operate digital surveillance systems that are accessible by the city, as specified. In addition, the bill requires the Baltimore City Downtown Commercial District Management Authority to enter into a contract with the Baltimore Police Department to hire two officers to exclusively patrol a specified area during certain days and times.

Senate Bill 222, which was passed by the General Assembly and enacted without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 372.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor