May 27, 2022

The Honorable Bill Ferguson H–107 State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 454 – *Marine Contractor License* – *Authorization, Requirements, and Fees*.

This bill authorizes an individual who is employed by a county or municipality in the State to perform specified marine contractor services within the scope of their employment without having to obtain a license. A local government employee who performs marine contractor services within the scope of their employment and must be licensed is exempt from paying license or testing fees. The bill also explicitly authorizes a unit of local government to qualify for a marine contractor license.

House Bill 195, 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 454.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. Governor