

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 465 – *Somerset County – Emergency Burning Ban – Adoption and Enforcement*.

This bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Somerset County to adopt an emergency burning ban and prohibits a person from starting or allowing any open air burning during an emergency burning ban subject to specified exceptions. This bill also authorizes the County Commissioners, by resolution, to set a fine for a violation of an emergency burning ban and authorizes the Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies to assess a fine against any person believed to be in violation of an emergency burning ban.

Senate Bill 424, 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 465.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley