

May 12, 2015

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 1176 – *Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers – Benefit Programs*.

This bill authorizes the organization that represents a majority of the standardbred owners and trainers in the State to apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for the reimbursement of specified expenditures not to exceed 2% of all open purses; provides that the reimbursement amount be deducted from the Purse Dedication Account funded by video lottery terminal revenues; and specifies programs for which reimbursement is allowable.

Senate Bill 929, 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 1176.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.