

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 1233 – *Tax Amnesty Program*.

This bill requires the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2015, through October 30, 2015, for civil penalties and half the interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizes the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a specified waiver under specified circumstances; and provides that the amnesty program does not apply to specified taxpayers under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 763, 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 1233.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.