

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 262 – *Maryland Building Performance Standards – Modifications – Energy Codes*.

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, subject to specified provisions, to adopt modifications to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that allow any innovative approach, design, equipment, or method of construction that can be demonstrated to offer performance that is at least the equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.

House Bill 323, 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 262.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.