

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 190 – *Civil Remedies for Shoplifting and Employee Theft*.

This bill repeals a specified provision of law providing that a responsible person is civilly liable to a merchant for specified civil penalties for shoplifting and employee theft, alters requirements for specified demand letters relating to alleged acts of shoplifting or employee theft, and provides that a responsible person who prevails in a specified civil action is entitled to an award of court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 508, which was passed by the General Assembly and went into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 190.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.