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 50 – Active Armed Forces Member – Exemption from Payment of Fees for Certain Court Records.

This bill requires a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified papers or records requested by an active armed forces member or by the United States government if the copy is to be used in connection with a claim of the member against the United States government; and requires a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified marriage records of an active armed forces member that are requested under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 61, 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 50.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.