May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate 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 281 - *Mental Health - Incarcerated Individuals with Mental Illness*.

This bill authorizes up to \$425,000 in funds remaining from the Senior Prescription Drug Program that have accrued to the account of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund to be transferred and appropriated to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a grant to the Maryland MedBank Program.

House Bill 1004, 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 281.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor