

May 20, 2010

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 719 – *Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Practice in Long-Term Care Facilities*.

This bill authorizes a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist in long-term care facilities under specified circumstances. It requires specified dental hygienists to have a specified written agreement and to ensure that the supervising dentist is available for consultation with the dental hygienist. In addition, the bill requires specified dental hygienists to consult with the supervising dentist or a treating physician under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1302, 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 719.

Sincerely,

Governor