May 20, 2010

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House 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 131 – State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

This bill continues the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2022, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board. In addition, the bill requires that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2021, and requires the Board, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to make a specified report on or before October 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 146, 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 131.

Sincerely,

Governor