

May 16, 2013

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 373 – *Hospitals – Outpatient Services – Off-Site Facility – Rate Regulation*.

This bill alters the hospital outpatient services for which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program must pay according to specified rates, under specified circumstances. The bill also alters the date by which a hospital must notify the Health Services Cost Review Commission that the hospital would like specified services to be subject to specified provisions of law. In addition, this bill alters the hospital outpatient services for which a hospital may elect to be subject to specified provisions of law.

Senate Bill 151, 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 373.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley