

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 1042 – *Hospitals – Credentialing and Privileging Process – Telemedicine*.

This bill authorizes a hospital, in its credentialing and privileging process for a physician who provides medical services to patients at the hospital only through telemedicine from a distant-site hospital or distant-site telemedicine entity, to rely on credentialing and privileging decisions made for the physician by the distant-site hospital or distant-site telemedicine entity under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 798, 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 1042.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley