

May 15, 2014

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 272 – *Health Occupations – Licensed Podiatrists – Scope of Practice and Hospital Privileges*.

The bill alters the definition of “practice podiatry” to include the surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture in the scope of practice of licensed podiatrists and requires qualifications that a hospital or related institution sets for granting specified privileges for specified services to include consideration of specified training, education, and experience.

Senate Bill 162, 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 272.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley