

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 593 – *Morticians and Funeral Directors – Pre-Need Contracts*.

The bill requires that specified disclosure statements in pre-need contracts inform a buyer whether the contract is a guaranteed contract, guaranteed in part contract, or nonguaranteed contract; provides that if specified disclosures are made, pre-need contracts may be guaranteed contracts, guaranteed in part contracts, or nonguaranteed contracts and may include cash advance items or goods and services that are not guaranteed; and provides that a pre-need escrow or trust account may not be deemed an asset of specified licensees.

Senate Bill 415, 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 593.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley