May 15, 2014

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate H–107 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 295 – State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

The bill continues the State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requires that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; and requires the Board to submit a specified report to specified General Assembly committees.

House Bill 258, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 295.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley