

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 296 – *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation*.

The bill continues the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Program; authorizes the Program to disclose specified information to specified persons under specified circumstances; and requires the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a direct full evaluation of the Program on or before December 1, 2017.

House Bill 255, 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 296.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley