

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 476 – *Criminal Procedure – Limited Immunity – Alcohol- or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies*.

The bill provides that a person who, in good faith, seeks, provides, or assists with medical assistance for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs, or if the person experiencing the medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs, shall be immune from specified criminal prosecutions if evidence for the criminal prosecutions was obtained solely as a result of specified actions.

House Bill 342, 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 476.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley