

May 12, 2015

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 228 – *Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy Program – Repeal of Termination Date*.

This bill establishes the Expedited Partner Therapy Program in the Baltimore City Health Department as a permanent program; authorizes a specified advanced practice registered nurse instead of a certified nurse practitioner to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy under specified circumstances; repeals a specified reporting requirement; repeals the termination date of the Program; and makes conforming and clarifying changes.

Senate Bill 599, 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 228.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.