

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 745 – *Public Health – Overdose Response Program*.

This bill authorizes specified advanced practice nurses, in addition to specified nurse practitioners and pharmacists, to conduct specified overdose prevention educational training programs; provides for an exception to specified training requirements for a patient who receives a naloxone prescription under specified provisions of law; exempts specified persons who are authorized to dispense naloxone from specified prescription drug dispensing permit requirements; and provides immunity from liability for specified persons.

Senate Bill 516, 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 745.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.