

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 971 – *Public Health – Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund*.

This bill alters the definition of “eligible populations” to allow funds from the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund to be used for services provided to drug offenders under the supervision of the problem solving courts; alters the information an applicant is required to include in a request for Partnership funding; and authorizes a participating county, under specified circumstances, to use Partnership funding to continue or expand funding for eligible functions.

Senate Bill 641, 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 971.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.