

May 12, 2015

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 7 – *Electronic Cigarettes – Sale to Minors – Components, Supplies, and Enforcement*.

This bill clarifies that the prohibition against selling, distributing, or offering for sale an electronic device to a minor that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to refill or resupply the device; clarifies that the exception to the prohibition for devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration applies only to devices for sale as a tobacco cessation product; and changes a violation of the prohibition from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction.

House Bill 489, 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 7.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.