

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 160 – *State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Cease and Desist Orders and Injunctive Relief – Authority*.

This bill authorizes the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a public cease and desist order or impose a civil fine of no more than \$5,000 per offense for (1) practicing mortuary science without a license or (2) misrepresentation to the public that a person is authorized to practice mortuary science. Each violation is a separate offense if it occurs at a different time, date, or location or on the same date and location at a different time.

House Bill 729, 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 160.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.