

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 347 – *Health Occupations – Prescriber–Pharmacist Agreements and Therapy Management Contracts*.

This bill authorizes licensed physicians, podiatrists, and advanced practice nurses to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements for therapy management contracts; requires the submission of specified documents to specified health occupations boards; requires specified contracts to include specified provisions; and provides that a protocol by a licensed physician and licensed pharmacist may authorize the initiation of specified drug therapy.

House Bill 716, 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 347.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.