

May 27, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Miller, Jr.
Senate President
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 647 – *Physicians – Prescriptions Written by Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners – Preparing and Dispensing*.

This bill provides that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician who complies with specified requirements from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement or a nurse practitioner who is authorized to practice under a specified provision of law and is working with the physician in the same office setting.

House Bill 752, 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 647.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.