

May 25, 2018

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, I have vetoed House Bill 490 – *Public Health – Community Health Workers – Advisory Committee and Certification*.

This bill establishes the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and requires MDH to adopt specified regulations related to the training and certification of community health workers in the State. The bill also establishes the State Community Health Workers Fund.

Uncodified language specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that general funds be used to support MDH and the advisory committee in fiscal 2019. When special funds become available, the general fund must be reimbursed for start-up costs.

Senate Bill 163, 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 490.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor