

May 24, 2019

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 195 – *Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Revisions*.

This bill requires the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug, or a possible violation of law or breach of professional standards by a prescriber or dispenser; and provides that if either is indicated, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program must notify and provide education to the prescriber or dispenser.

This bill authorizes the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration for further investigation under certain circumstances 1) if there is a possible violation of law or breach of professional standards; and 2) provided that the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program takes specified actions.

Additionally, this bill requires the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to consider certain factors regarding a possible violation of law or breach of professional standards; and to include certain information regarding instances of possible violations of law or breaches of professional standards in its annual report.

House Bill 25, 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 195.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor