

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 492 - *State Board of Pharmacy - Registration of Pharmacy Technicians*.

This bill authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to regulate pharmacy technicians; requires the Board to adopt specified standards for approving specified examinations; authorizes a licensed pharmacist to delegate pharmacy acts to registered pharmacy technicians, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technician trainees under specified circumstances; alters the grounds for disciplinary action; and alters prescription drug labeling requirements.

Senate Bill 371, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 492.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor