

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 1689 – *Prescription Drug Repository Program*.

This bill establishes a Prescription Drug Repository Program regulated by the State Board of Pharmacy; provides for the purpose of the Program; authorizes the Program to accept, for the purpose of dispensing only, prescription drugs and medical supplies under specified conditions; provides that any person may donate prescription drugs or medical supplies to the Program at designated drop-off sites; and requires a designated drop-off site to meet specified requirements.

Senate Bill 1059, 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 1689.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor