

May 17, 2007

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 769 - *Disease Prevention - Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program*.

This bill creates an Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department to provide antibiotic therapy to the partner of a patient diagnosed with a specified sexually transmitted infection in order to contain the infection.

Senate Bill 349, 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 769.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor