

May 22, 2008

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 502 – *State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Sunset Extension and Revisions*.

This bill increases the number of members on the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to require a specified number of members to be professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and alcohol and drug counselors. The bill also repeals a requirement that the licensed professional counselor Board members be employed in specified areas. Further, this bill repeals the position of drug and alcohol counselor advisor to the Board.

House Bill 459, 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 502.

Sincerely,

Governor