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 818 – *Public Health Dental Hygiene Act*.

This bill alters the authorization of a general license to practice dental hygiene to include the application of sealants or fluoride agents under general supervision in specified facilities. This bill also provides that a specified waiver is not required to practice dental hygiene under general supervision in accordance with specified provisions of law. Further, the bill increases the types of facilities a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes a dental hygienist to practice in under general supervision.

House Bill 1280, 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 81.

Sincerely,

Governor