

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 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 1229 – *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program*.

This bill establishes the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and establishes the mission of the Program which requires the Program to carry out its mission by monitoring the prescribing and dispensing of specified substances by specified prescribers and dispensers. This bill also establishes the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring to assist in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the Program

Senate Bill 883, 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 1229.

Sincerely,

Governor