

May 15, 2014

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 112 – *State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Cease and Desist Orders and Penalties for Misrepresentation and Practicing Without a License*.

The bill authorizes the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for violations of specified provisions of law; alters a specified penalty; and provides that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with regulations.

Senate Bill 448, 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 112.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley