

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 791 – *State Board of Examiners in Optometry – Cease and Desist Orders, Injunctive Relief, and Penalties*.

The bill authorizes the State Board of Examiners in Optometry to issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief for a violation of specified provisions of law; provides that specified actions may be brought by specified persons in specified counties; provides that proof of specified damages is not required for specified actions; provides that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000; and provides for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

Senate Bill 587, 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 791.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley