

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 49 – *State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Examination of Applicants, Licensees, Certificate Holders, and Trainees*.

This bill requires the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to require applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and trainees to submit to a mental health or physical examination under specified circumstances; provides that applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or trainees are deemed to have waived a claim of privilege under specified circumstances; and provides that a specified report or testimony of a health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances.

House Bill 805, 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 49.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.