

May 27, 2016

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 537 – *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Modifications*.

This bill requires that specified authorized providers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a new or renewal controlled dangerous substance registration, requires that specified prescribers be registered with the Program before obtaining a new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner, and authorizes the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of monitored prescription drugs with a low potential for abuse.

House Bill 437, 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 537.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.