

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 195 – *State Board of Physicians – Medical Professional Liability Insurance Coverage – Verification, Publication, and Notification Requirements (Janet’s Law)*.

This bill requires that the public practitioner profile for each licensed physician in the State be maintained by the State Board of Physicians, including information regarding medical professional liability insurance, and requires certain physicians to provide the State Board of Physicians with verification or documentation of information within 25 business days upon request of the Board. This bill also requires each licensed physician practicing medicine in the State to notify a patient in writing if the physician does not carry professional liability insurance coverage, or if the physician’s coverage has lapsed for any period of time and has not been renewed.

House Bill 957, 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 195.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor