

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 562 – *Health Care Decisions Act – Advance Directives and Surrogate Decision Making – Disqualified Individuals*

This bill expands the definition of “disqualified person” and prohibits an individual from serving as a health care agent, or surrogate decision maker, under specific circumstances.

House Bill 498, 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 562.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor