

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 761 – *Health – Sickle Cell Disease – Steering Committee and Services*.

This bill alters the membership of the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease and expands the intent of the Sickle Cell Anemia Subtitle within the Health-General Article to include 1) providing resources for detecting sickle cell disease; and 2) supporting individuals with sickle cell disease. This bill also authorizes the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the steering committee, to provide specified services related to sickle cell disease in the State.

Senate Bill 600, 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 761.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor