

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 931– *Health Care Facilities – Certificate of Need – Modifications*.

This bill modifies certificate of need requirements regarding changes in health care services offered and capital expenditures related to a healthcare facility other than a hospital.

This bill also requires a specified certificate of need filed after October 1, 2019, to be deemed approved if (1) the certificate of need is uncontested; and (2) final action by the Maryland Health Care Commission does not occur within 120 days after the application for a certificate of need was docketed. Additionally, this bill alters the definition of “ambulatory surgical facility” and repeals an associated certificate of need exemption.

Senate Bill 940, 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 931.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor