

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 500 – *Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact*.

This bill enters Maryland into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact for psychologists. The bill establishes procedures and requirements for psychologists to exercise a compact privilege in a “receiving state” or “distant state”; the composition, powers, and responsibilities of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission; and requirements related to the oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the compact.

House Bill 970, 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 500.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor