

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
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 245 – *Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims – Alterations and Repeal of Sunset*.

This bill repeals the termination date for the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims and establishes the program as permanent. The bill further repeals the annual limit that may be paid to physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services must report on the operation and results of the program, as specified.

Senate Bill 331, 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 245.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor