

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1237 – *Health Care Practitioners – Prescription Drug or Device Dispensing – Medical Facilities or Clinics That Specialize in Treatment Reimbursable Through Workers’ Compensation Insurance*.

This bill repeals an exception from the requirement that an individual be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy before the individual may practice pharmacy in the State. The bill requires a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who dispenses a prescription drug or device in the course of treating a patient at a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workers’ compensation insurance to obtain a dispensing permit and meet other requirements.

Senate Bill 139, 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 1237.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O’Malley