

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 198 – *Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy – Recommended Courses*.

This bill requires the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to provide to specified health occupations boards a list of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities, and health literacy. This bill also requires each board to post a course list prominently on the Board's Web site, provide information about the courses to specified health care professionals at the time of license renewal and advertise the availability of specified courses in specified newsletters and media.

House Bill 580, 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 198.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.