

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 890 – *Health – Overdose Response Program – Establishment*.

This bill provides for an Overdose Response Program overseen by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and requiring the Department to adopt regulations and authorizing the Department to take other actions. The bill specifies the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a specified certificate and authorizes a certified individual to receive a prescription for naloxone and supplies, possess prescribed naloxone and supplies, and administer naloxone, under specified circumstances, to specified individuals.

Senate Bill 610, 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 890.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley