

May 15, 2014

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 488 – *Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services – Name Change*.

The bill changes the name of the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services to the Joint Committee on Access to Behavioral Health Services and alters the duties of the Committee by requiring it to monitor access to specified behavioral health services and specified medically necessary services and alters the information that must be included in a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 84, 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 488.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley