

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 1031 – *State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Funeral Establishments – Unannounced Inspections*.

The bill authorizes an unannounced inspection of a licensed funeral establishment by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to include advance notice that an inspector may be in the region for the purpose of conducting the inspection under specified circumstances and authorizes a trained staff member of the Board to call the supervising mortician of a licensed funeral establishment and request immediate access to the preparation and body storage areas of the funeral establishment.

Senate Bill 586, 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 1031.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley