

May 12, 2015

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 781 – *Health Insurance – Coverage for Ostomy Equipment and Supplies – Required*.

This bill requires insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified equipment and supplies used for the treatment of ostomies; provides that the required coverage may be subject to specified deductibles and coinsurance; and provides for the application of the Act.

Senate Bill 241, 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 781.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.