

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 887 – *Health Insurance – Abuse-Deterrent Opioid Analgesic Drug Products – Coverage*.

This bill requires insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for at least two brand name abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products and, if available, at least two generic abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products. The bill also prohibits the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring an insured or an enrollee to first use a specified drug product before providing coverage for a specified abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product.

Senate Bill 606, 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 887.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.