

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 1 – *Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Refills of Prescriptions During State of Emergency*.

This bill alters the circumstances under which a pharmacist, during a state of emergency, may refill a prescription for a drug for which the refill has not been authorized; provides that a pharmacist who is working in Maryland, instead of the area declared an emergency, may refill the prescription if the federal or any state government, instead of the federal or this State's government, has declared a state of emergency; and increases the maximum quantity from a 14-day to a 30-day supply that may be dispensed under the prescription refill.

House Bill 591, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 1.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.