

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 1150 – *Health Insurance – Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act*.

This bill requires a specified health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a minimum of 1 year to submit a claim for a service, provides for the suspension of the minimum period of time, and provides that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim and creates an exception to a provision of law that requires proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a specified period of time.

Senate Bill 887, 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 1150.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.