

May 26, 2017

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 1093 – *Substance Use Treatment – Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Programs – Consent by Minor*.

This bill authorizes a parent or a guardian of a minor to apply, on behalf of the minor, for admission of the minor to a certified intensive outpatient alcohol and drug abuse program. This bill also requires programs to note specific information on an application in order for an individual to be retained for certain treatment, and provides that certain programs have the right to discharge an individual under certain circumstances. In addition, this bill specifies that the capacity of a minor to consent to treatment for drug abuse or alcoholism does not include the capacity to refuse treatment in an intensive outpatient alcohol or drug abuse treatment program.

Senate Bill 433, 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 1093.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor