

May 24, 2019

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1012 – *Public Health – Death Certificates – Completion and Cause of Death Report*.

This bill authorizes a physician designated by the State Anatomy Board to complete a death certificate under certain circumstances. This bill also requires 1) if a physician designated by the State Anatomy Board completes a death certificate, the physician must enter “unspecified natural causes” as the cause of death; and 2) the State Anatomy Board must send a specified report to the Secretary of Health should it receive additional information regarding the cause of death.

House Bill 1400, 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 1012.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor