

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 1009 – *Criminal Procedure – Immunity – Alcohol- or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies*.

This bill establishes that the act of seeking assistance by a person who experiences a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution of the person; and extends the applicability of specified immunity from a criminal arrest charge or prosecution and provides immunity when a person is reasonably believed to be experiencing a medical emergency rather than when the person is experiencing a medical emergency.

Senate Bill 654, 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 1009.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.