

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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 132 – *State Board of Examiners in Optometry – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation*.

This bill continues the State Board of Examiners in Optometry in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board. It requires that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022, and requires that the Board submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 145, 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 132.

Sincerely,

Governor