

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 183 – *Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact*.

This bill enters Maryland into the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Licensure Compact for audiologists and speech–language pathologists. The bill establishes procedures and requirements for audiologists and speech–language pathologists to obtain and maintain a compact privilege to practice audiology and speech–language pathology in a member state; the composition, powers, and responsibilities of the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Compact Commission; and requirements related to the oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the compact. The bill is contingent on similar legislation being enacted in nine other states.

House Bill 288, 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 183.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor