H.B. 1309 VETOES

21-2A-09.

(A) A DISPENSER WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO SUBMIT PRESCRIPTION MONITORING DATA TO THE PROGRAM AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED INFORMATION.

(B) AN AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT WHO KNOWINGLY DISCLOSES OR USES PRESCRIPTION MONITORING DATA IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That implementation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to be established under § 21-2A-02 of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, is contingent on the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring established under § 21-2A-03 of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, obtaining federal, private, or State funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to be established under § 21-2A-02 of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may not collect prescription monitoring data before June 1, 2007.

SECTION 2-4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

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 1309 – Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line – Requirements and Citizens' Advisory Council.

House Bill 1309 would establish a Citizens' Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study of the Red Line. This Council would inform the Maryland Transit Administration of the Council's views on location, funding, and benefits of the Red Line, among other items related to the Red Line's impact on the citizens of Baltimore and the surrounding areas. The Red Line is one of the State's top transportation priorities for the Baltimore Metropolitan area. My Administration has already invested \$11.4 million to advance this important project.

House Bill 1309 is not necessary. It is redundant to my Executive Order 01.01.2006.04, which provides for a Community Advisory Council to address concerns about the future development of the Red Line in Baltimore. The Maryland Department of Transportation currently receives input from citizens affected by the