

(D) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 48A, § 490G OF THE CODE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to group contracts issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 658.

This bill gives the Juvenile Court and District Court concurrent jurisdiction over an adult who is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. In addition, Senate Bill 658 would repeal provisions allowing the Juvenile Court to waive its jurisdiction upon its own motion or motion of any party to the proceeding.

The Attorney General has advised me in his bill review letter dated May 22, 1986 that the repeal of this waiver provision would violate the defendant's constitutional right to a jury trial. Elimination of the waiver provision would prohibit a defendant from removing the case from juvenile court jurisdiction to a criminal court where jury trial is available. Because this provision was considered an integral part of the bill and thus not severable, the Attorney General could not approve it for constitutionality.

House Bill 800, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the original intent of Senate Bill 658. Therefore, for the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 658.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor