

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1061.

This bill establishes a nonprofit Maryland Health Care Foundation to promote public awareness of the need to provide more timely and cost-effective health care to uninsured Marylanders, and provide financial support to expand health care access to the uninsured. A 19-member Board of Trustees will be responsible for the duties and activities of the foundation. A trustee is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations as provided in the State budget, but may not receive compensation.

Senate Bill 478, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1061.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1061

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Foundation

FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Health Care Foundation; establishing a Board of Trustees of the Foundation; providing for the membership of the Board; specifying the purposes, powers, and duties of the Foundation; requiring the Foundation to deposit or invest money in a certain manner; exempting the Foundation from certain provisions of law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Health Care Foundation.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 20-501 through 20-510, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Maryland Health Care Foundation"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The number of uninsured individuals is growing both nationally and in Maryland and the care provided to the uninsured is often delivered episodically in high cost settings; and

WHEREAS, There are 39.4 million adults, constituting 17.3% of the U.S. population, and 712,000 adults, constituting 17.2% of Maryland's population, who are uninsured; and