

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

2-103.5.

(a) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of § 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form or detail that the Secretary reasonably requires, the Department shall provide annual grants for paratransit service provided by county or local governments, that is complementary to fixed route service as required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

(b) The amount of the grants:

- (1) Shall be determined in accordance with multiyear paratransit plans approved by the Department or the Federal Transit Administration; and
- (2) May not exceed a total of \$4 million statewide in any fiscal year.

Chapter 687 of the Acts of 1996

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 931.

This bill requires a carrier that owns or contracts with a managed behavioral health care organization to distribute to members an explanation of benefits covered and specific exclusions, members' responsibilities, the methodology for reimbursing providers, and the procedure for obtaining services outside the provider network. The bill also requires a carrier to file with the Insurance Commissioner the mental health expense ratio for the provision of behavioral health care services to members and establishes a specified task force.

Senate Bill 585, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May