

been imposed or suspended following a plea of nolo contendere or guilty, and an appeal in a municipal infraction or Code violation case, an appeal shall be tried de novo.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any civil action filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

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 25 – Health Insurance – Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Services.

This bill establishes the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services, specifies the duties and members of the Task Force, and requires the Task Force to submit reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by specified dates.

Senate Bill 252, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 25.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 25

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Services

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services; specifying the duties of the Task Force; specifying the members of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to select a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from certain interested parties; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain ~~report~~ reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain ~~date~~ dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to access to mental health services.