

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 46 – Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing – Study of the Use of Technology to Assist Nurses in Caring for Patients.

This bill requires the Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing to develop recommendations on identifying a technology driven point of care application. This is done in consultation with an individual with expertise in technology driven point of care applications, to maximize nursing productivity and increase the quality of patient care and to improve the work environment infrastructure in health care facilities.

House Bill 590, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 46.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

#### Senate Bill No. 46

AN ACT concerning

#### **Task Force to Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing – Study of the Use of Technology to Assist Nurses in Caring for Patients**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a Task Force to Study the Use of Technology to Assist Nurses in Caring for Patients; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of a chairperson of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing for meetings of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Use of Technology to Assist Nurses in Caring for Patients~~ requiring the Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing to identify a technology driven point of care application, in consultation with an individual with expertise in technology driven point of care applications, to accomplish certain goals; and generally relating to the Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing and the use of technology in nursing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations