

(i) Determining what changes are needed to existing programs, current scholarship programs, and funding mechanisms to better reflect and accommodate the changing health care delivery environment and to improve quality of care to meet the needs of patients;

(ii) Facilitating career advancement within nursing;

(iii) Identifying more accurately specific shortage areas in a more timely manner;

(iv) Attracting middle and high school students into nursing as a career; [and]

(v) IDENTIFYING A TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN POINT OF CARE APPLICATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN POINT OF CARE APPLICATIONS, TO:

1. MAXIMIZE NURSING PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASE THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE; AND

2. IMPROVE THE WORK ENVIRONMENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; AND

(VI) Projecting a more positive and professional image of nursing;
and

(4) Serve as an advisor to public and private entities to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and 10 days and, at the end of January 10, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

May 16, 2002

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 51 – Motor Vehicle Administration – Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate Program – Extension.

This bill extends the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate Program for five years, from July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2007.

House Bill 117, 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 51.