

- (a) Three members in 2009;
- (b) Three members in 2010; and
- (c) Two members in 2011.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt the regulations necessary to implement this Act, including standards for licensing, on or before ~~September 1, 2008~~ December 31, 2010.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

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May 15, 2007

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 988 – *State Board of Dental Examiners – Restructuring and Licensee Protection*. I have done so because, due to a technical error, the enrolled bill that actually passed was not the version the General Assembly believed it enacted, and thus it does not reflect legislative intent.

House Bill 988 as originally filed would have made substantial changes to the operation of the State Board of Dental Examiners. As it moved through the House and Senate, numerous amendments to the bill altered its scope significantly. An inadvertent procedural error on *sine die*, however, resulted in the enactment of the wrong set of amendments to the bill. The amendments that passed are not the amendments that were adopted by the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHEA) and described in the EHEA floor report. They are also not the amendments with which the House Health and Government Operations Committee believed it concurred, and that were described on the House floor before the House concurred with the Senate amendments.

While I have vetoed the bill because it does not reflect legislative intent, I believe that concerns about potential bias and inequities in the way the Board operates should be