

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

The 5-year capital improvement plan is an important program designed to address the capital needs of the State and is prepared only after careful review of all potential projects. I believe that individual project decisions made outside of this process compromise the integrity of the overall program. By adding design funds to the General Construction Loan of 1990 for the renovation/addition of the State Police Barracks in Carroll County, the General Assembly has provided for a relatively small portion of this project's estimated \$2,500,000 construction cost. It is unlikely that construction funding for this project would be available in the General Construction Loan before fiscal year 1996. This is because the Department of Public Safety must use its capital budget funding over the next few years to build or renovate prison facilities in order to deal with the prison overcrowding problem. No purpose is served by providing design funds at this time for a project that will not have construction funding available for another 5 years.

There are significant capital facility needs throughout the State. However, given the constraints of debt affordability, we cannot responsibly commit these design funds to a project that will not receive construction funding in the next few years.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

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The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 405.

This bill would require nursing staff agencies to be registered with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and to maintain liability insurance for the agency. Nursing staff agencies would also be required to notify a health care facility as to whether a nurse being referred is currently covered by professional liability insurance.

The bill is the product of an interim study of a House Environmental Matters Committee workgroup, chaired by Delegate Teitelbaum. The Committee found that in recent years health care facilities have increasingly turned to temporary employment agencies to fill needs for nursing personnel. However, there is no existing mechanism to ensure that the temporary nursing personnel meet minimal experience and training standards. House Bill 405 was introduced to address this important concern.