

and rural hospitals in the State. He points out in his letter to me that the basic purpose of this bill would better be effectuated administratively, through the Department's rule-making powers. The Secretary also notes that, of the 56 hospitals in the State, all but seven already provide emergency dental services to their patients. A copy of the Secretary's letter is attached to and should be considered a part of this veto message.

For these reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 1493.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Marvin Mandel  
Governor

Letter from State Department of Health and Mental  
Hygiene on House Bill 1493

May 14, 1974.

The Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor  
State of Maryland  
State Office Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Governor:

It is our understanding that House Bill #1493 requiring the provision of emergency dental services to patients in hospitals has passed both houses of the Legislature, and now awaits your signature.

We would like to urge the veto of H.B. #1493 because of the following:

Our records indicate that of the 56 hospitals in the State of Maryland, all presently provide emergency dental service to their patients with the exception of the following:

1. Washington Adventist
2. Gundry Hospital
3. Calvert County Hospital
4. Carroll County Hospital
5. Montebello Hospital Center