

subject to approval by the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning as well as to review by the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is also required to review the financial condition of each patient in the State hospitals to determine his ability to pay.

As this new law only took effect on January 1, 1976, I see no reason at this point to superimpose upon the existing process of rate review the procedures and requirements of the Health Services Cost Review Commission which is already quite busy performing its primary function of regulating the otherwise unregulated rates of private hospitals.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1340.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mandel
Governor

House Bill No. 1460 - Care and Training of
Mentally Retarded

AN ACT concerning

Mental Retardation - Care and Training

FOR the purpose of providing an individualized plan of care, including training and appropriate therapy and recreation for certain patients, subject to budgetary restrictions; and requiring that the Director of Mental Retardation issue certain directives.

May 24, 1976.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1460.

This bill provides that, on March 1, 1977, every person in a residential facility operated or licensed by