

the purpose of the Act; defining terms; specifying the powers and duties of the Agency; specifying the duties of the Governor; creating the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and specifying its powers, duties, and composition; authorizing the acceptance of federal funds and other funds; requiring certain cooperative actions by State agencies; requiring the issuance of a certificate of need by the State agency in order to operate certain health care projects; requiring certain notices to certain elected representatives; prohibiting certain activities; providing for the appeal of certain decisions by the State agency and the Secretary; amending and repealing certain provisions which are inconsistent with the requirements of the Act; providing for the transfer of certain employees and assets and liabilities to the Health Planning and Development Agency; and generally relating to the administration of the State's health planning and development function pursuant to certain relevant federal requirements and State statutes.

May 29, 1978

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 591.

This bill relates to the administration of the State's health planning and development function.

House Bill 972, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1978, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign Senate Bill 591.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

Senate Bill No. 601 - Governor - Appropriations
in Budget Bill