

House Bill No. 741

AN ACT concerning

Physicians - Specialization and Advertising

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Medical Examiners to provide for ~~certification~~ identification of physicians as specialists; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to ~~certification~~ identification in medical specialties.

May 29, 1979

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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 741.

This bill provides for the Board of Medical Examiners, a constituent agency of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in cooperation with the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, to identify licensed physicians as specialists. Under the bill, a person may not represent himself as a specialist in any area of medicine after July 1, 1980 unless identified as such by the Board.

It is clearly in the best interest of the people of Maryland that an agency of State government provide a ready source of referral for verifying the credentials of medical specialists. It is not, in my judgment, in the best interest of Maryland to statutorily mandate the direct involvement of a private organization in this process.

For this reason I have decided to veto House Bill 741.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor