headwaters of the Elk River originating within our sister state. Consequently, the construction of an impoundment in Maryland without first enlisting the aid of Pennsylvania would relieve the flooding and silt build-up for only a few years.

A better approach than the unilateral study and planning is the initiation of a bi-state study through the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in order to identify the source of the sediment and erosion problem and to recommend solutions. The study and planning expenditures contemplated by the item of the bill are premature until a bi-state study is completed and all alternative solutions evaluated.

For these reasons, I have vetoed item (D)(5)(a) of the General Construction Loan of 1981 contained in Senate Bill 426.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 436

AN ACT concerning

Minors - Consent to Voluntary Diagnosis and Treatment

FOR the purpose of permitting certain minors to consent to voluntary diagnosis and treatment for mental or emotional disorders in by certain places persons with proper parental notice in certain cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health Section 135A Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health