

OF THIS SECTION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERSON ARE DISMISSED, NOLLE PROSSED, STETTED, OR UNTIL THE PERSON IS PRESENTED TO THE COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

May 19, 1981

The 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 1162.

This bill streamlines and clarifies the process that a concerned person must go through to have the court order an emergency evaluation for someone believed to have a mental disorder. It also adds a new section to the Code that allows the court to order an emergency evaluation following the arrest of a person considered in danger of causing personal harm to himself or others.

Senate Bill 896, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 19, 1981, accomplishes the same purpose.

Therefore it is unnecessary for me to sign House Bill 1162.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor
