House Bill 702, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 283.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 283

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Insurance Plan - Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program from exceeding a certain amount in a certain fiscal year; clarifying the purpose of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; altering the payments to be made for certain enrollees by the Program; providing that certain additional costs may be paid for certain enrollees in the Program; repealing a certain requirement that certain enrollees make certain payments under certain circumstances; requiring the Program to maintain a certain waiting list; requiring the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to make certain determinations about the Program annually; requiring the Board to report to the General Assembly on certain information each year on or before a certain date; extending the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Program until a certain date; authorizing the Board to structure the benefit subsidy under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program to cover certain out-of-pocket costs during a certain year; providing that the Maryland Health Insurance Plan may not spend certain funds without the approval of the General Assembly; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section <u>14-106(e)</u>, 14-511, and 14-512

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 153 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, as amended by Chapter 282 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005

Section 13

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance