

(2) The fee described under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) May be distributed in part to a political subdivision acting as an agent of the Administration in the registration of a vehicle under § 13-404 of this article if, based upon information provided to the Administration by the political subdivision under this section, the vehicle's prior registration was suspended or the vehicle's registration renewal was denied; and

(ii) Except as provided under item (i) of this paragraph, shall be retained by the Administration and may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 316 - *Health Insurance - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement*.

This bill requires insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse a pharmacy electronically and provide appropriate payment data electronically under specified circumstances. Senate Bill 316 also prohibits the imposition of a specified processing fee.

House Bill 417, 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 316.

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

Senate Bill No. 316

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse a pharmacy electronically and provide appropriate payment data electronically under certain circumstances; prohibiting the imposition of a certain processing fee; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to electronic claim reimbursement for pharmacies.