

[(h)](G) The Oversight Committee shall review the reports of the Office of Health Care Quality and the Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing and develop recommendations to continue improvement in nursing home AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY care.

[(i)](H) The Oversight Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year.

[(j)](I) The Department of Aging, with assistance from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, and the Department of Legislative Services, shall provide staff support for the Oversight Committee.

Chapter 216 of the Acts of 2000

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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 702 – *Developmental Disabilities Administration – Prioritization System for Investigations*.

This bill requires the Developmental Disabilities Administration, in conjunction with the Office of Health Care Quality, to adopt regulations establishing a prioritization system for responding to and investigating specified incidents; and requires the Administration to seek input from specified individuals in developing the regulations.

House Bill 651, 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 702.

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