

(c) "Licensed hospital" includes any hospital licensed by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under the laws of the State, and any hospital operated by the United States government, although not required to be licensed under the laws of the State.

(d) "Next of kin" includes spouse AND ~~DOMESTIC LIFE PARTNER~~, AS DEFINED IN § ~~6-101~~ 1-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(e) "Person" means any individual, corporation, government or governmental agency or subdivision, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

(f) "Physician" or "surgeon" means any physician or surgeon licensed to practice under the laws of the State.

SECTION ~~3~~ 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 in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed in any way that conflicts with the public policy of the State that recognizes a valid marriage to be only a marriage between a man and a woman.

SECTION ~~4~~ 3 ~~4~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ 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 806 - *Education - Suspended or Expelled Students - Community Resources List*.

This bill requires a student considered for suspension or expulsion from school or the student's parent or guardian to be given a community resources list and requires a child with a disability or the child's parent or guardian to be given a community resources list attached to a procedural safeguards notice if the child is being considered for suspension or expulsion from school.

House Bill 1074, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me,