

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

1-202.

(d) (1) The Secretary of State shall issue a State flag to the family of a firefighter, policeman, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, or sworn member of the office of State Fire Marshal who is killed in the performance of duty.

(2) (I) [The] EXCEPT WHEN THE DECEASED IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, THE flag shall be presented to the family of the deceased by the State Senator of the legislative district in which the deceased resided or served.

(II) WHEN THE DECEASED IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, THE FLAG SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

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 830 – *Mental Health Advisory Committees*.

This bill alters the requirements for the governing bodies of two or more counties to establish an intercounty mental health advisory committee. Moreover, Senate Bill 830 authorizes the governing body in Baltimore City to designate Baltimore Mental Health Systems, Inc. as the mental health advisory committee for Baltimore City. Further, the bill provides for an exception to the membership requirements for a mental health advisory committee in Baltimore City.

House Bill 459, 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 830.

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