

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 909 – *Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland*.

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland. Senate Bill 909 provides for the membership and duties of the Task Force and requires the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

House Bill 1494, 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 909.

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

Senate Bill No. 909

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland; providing for the membership, chair, and staff for the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may receive certain reimbursement as provided in the State budget; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) a representative of the Maryland Insurance Administration, selected by the Administration;