accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 294.

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

House Bill No. 294

AN ACT concerning

Reimbursement of Health Care Providers - Sunset Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing termination provisions relating to the reimbursement of certain health care providers by certain health maintenance organizations at a certain rate under certain circumstances and the disclosure of certain information under certain circumstances; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations and health care provider reimbursement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 275 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

Section 5

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 423 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

Section 3

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

Chapter 275 of the Acts of 2000, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2002

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000 [and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect].

Chapter 423 of the Acts of 2001, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2002

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001. [It shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 5 of Chapter 275 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000. If that termination provision takes effect, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.]