

HARRY HUGHES, Governor

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May 27, 1986

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 143.

This bill requires any geriatric assistant who works in a long-term facility to complete a course on dementia approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

House Bill 176, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 143.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 143

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene -  
Instructional Unit on Dementia

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ~~include~~ approve an instructional unit on dementia in the training for certain geriatric aides assistants; providing for a certain advisory committee to assist the Department in developing approving standards for the instructional unit on dementia; providing for the appointment, composition, and final report of the advisory committee; and generally relating to an instructional unit on dementia for geriatric aides assistants.

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders studied problems resulting from persons who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

WHEREAS, In its final report on June 30, 1985, the Governor's Task Force recommended that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene add an instructional unit on dementia to its curriculum for training geriatric aides assistants; now, therefore,